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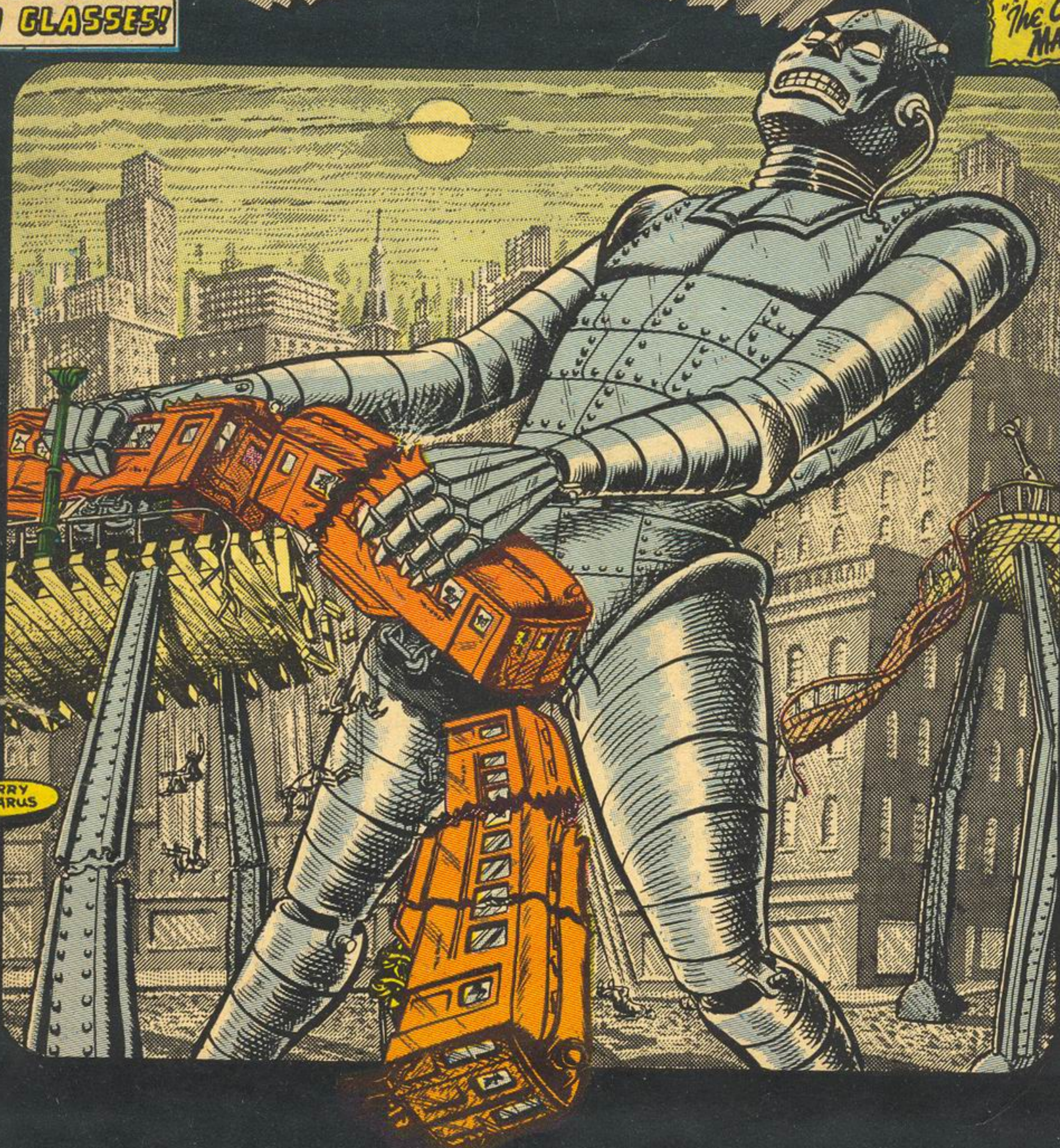
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OF A ROBOT
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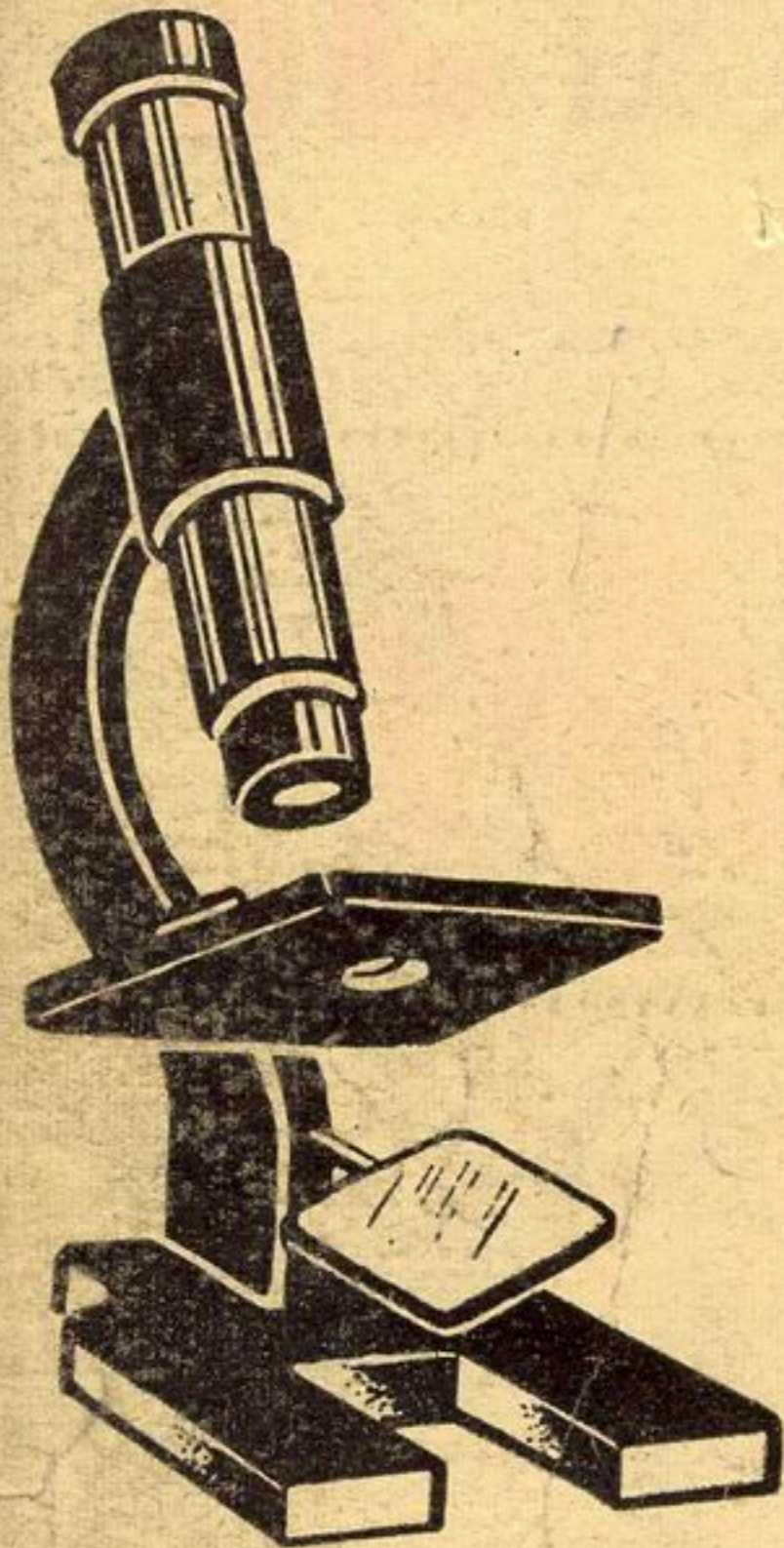


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A LONELY, PEACEFUL ISLAND OFF THE COAST OF MAINE--THAT WAS ALL IT SEEMED! AND YET, IT WAS MORE THAN THAT! FOR ON THAT ISLAND, CENTURIES BEFORE, PIRATES HAD HELD THEIR BLOODY SWAY! OF THEM ALL, CAPTAIN JOSIAH BLACK HAD BEEN THE MOST INFAMOUS, LEAVING BEHIND A MEMORY OF CRUELTY AND HATRED--A MEMORY THAT WAS SOON TO BE REVIVED IN THE SEARCH FOR--

DEAD MAN'S GOLD



HARRY LAZARUS

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MARTIN AND JANE BONNY HAD COME TO THIS ISLAND FOR A SHORT VACATION....

JUST IMAGINE, MARTIE-- IF WE WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO FIND THE TREASURE THAT OLD PIRATE WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BURIED HERE!

YOU MEAN CAPTAIN BLACK? IF YOU ASK ME, HE'S JUST A LEGEND! ANYWAY, I'M HERE FOR A REST -- NOT TO LOOK FOR TREASURE!



SAY, JANE... LOOK DOWN THERE! COULDN'T THAT BE--THE ENTRANCE TO A CAVE?

IT'S HARD TO SAY-- MOST OF IT'S UNDER-WATER!



THEY LOOKED, FASCINATED BY THE OPENING IN THE ROCK... AND THEY DIDN'T NOTICE THE HORRIBLE FIGURE THAT APPEARED FROM NOWHERE AND SLOWLY CREPT CLOSER...

I WONDER WHERE IT LEADS...



JANE!

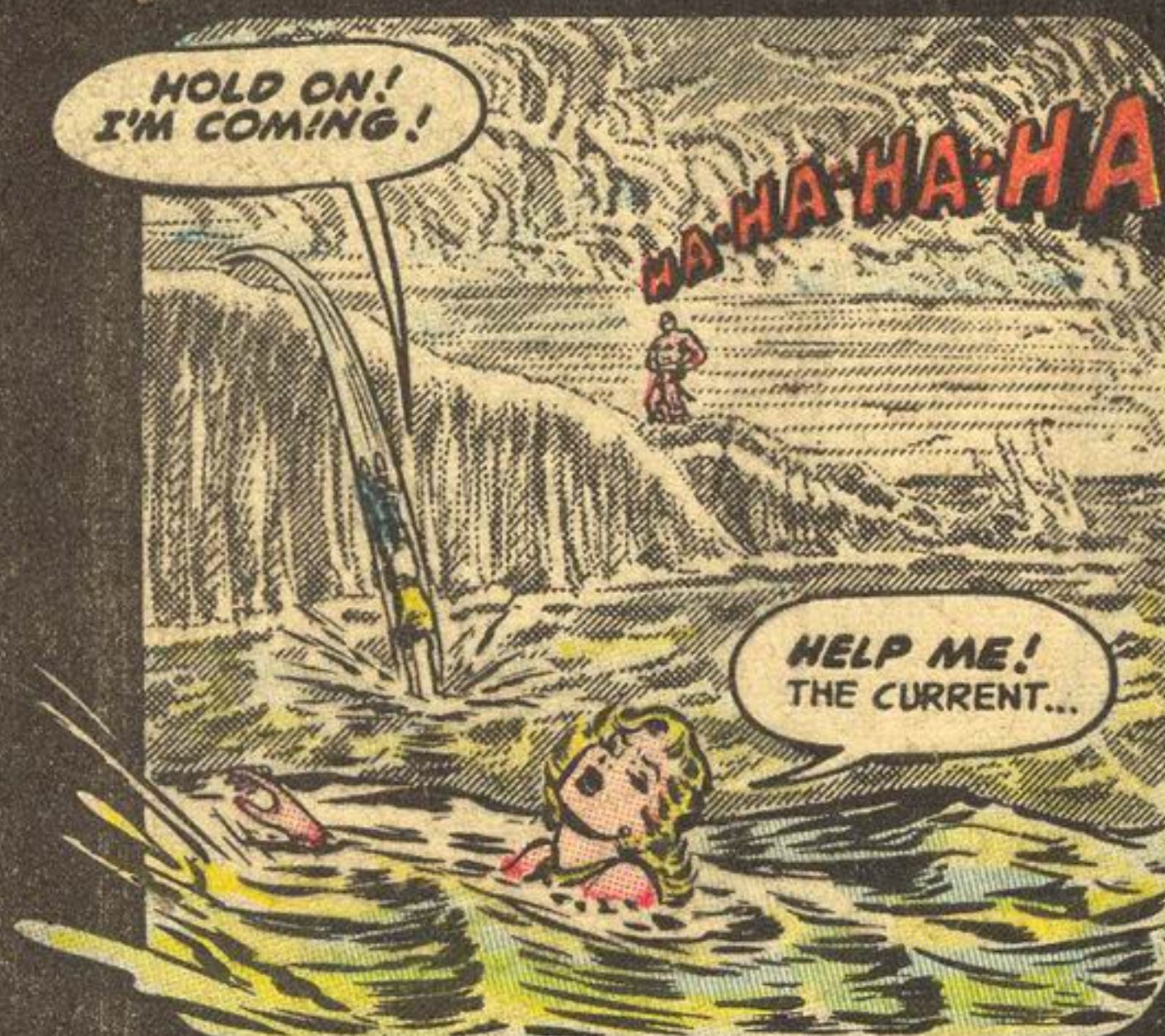
OH-HH!



HOLD ON! I'M COMING!

HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!

HELP ME! THE CURRENT...



WE...WE'RE BEING SWEEPED TOWARDS THE CAVE!

TRY TO KEEP YOUR HEAD ABOVE WATER!



INTO THE ROCKY OPENING THEY WENT... SWEEPED BY THE SWIRLING CURRENT! THEN... AFTER WHAT SEEMED AN ETERNITY...



WE--WERE IN
A HUGE, ROCKY
CHAMBER--

LET'S TRY TO
CLAMBER UP ON
THAT LEDGE!



I... I'M **FRIGHTENED!**
THIS WEIRD PLACE--
AND I'M SURE I
WAS **PUSHED** INTO
THE WATER!

NONSENSE!
THERE WAS
NO ONE THERE
BUT **US!** THERE'S
NOTHING TO BE
AFRAID OF--
NOTHING!



WHAT THE -- **LOOK,**
JANE! A **GOLD PIECE!**
AND I COULD **SWEAR** IT
WASN'T THERE BEFORE!



IT'S **SPANISH**
GOLD! HOLD ONTO
YOUR HAT, HONEY--
BECAUSE WE MAY
HAVE FOUND THE
SPOT **WHERE**
CAPTAIN BLACK
HID HIS **TREASURE!**

MEANWHILE, THE TIDE HAD GONE OUT! CLIMBING DOWN TO THE FLOOR OF THE CAVE...



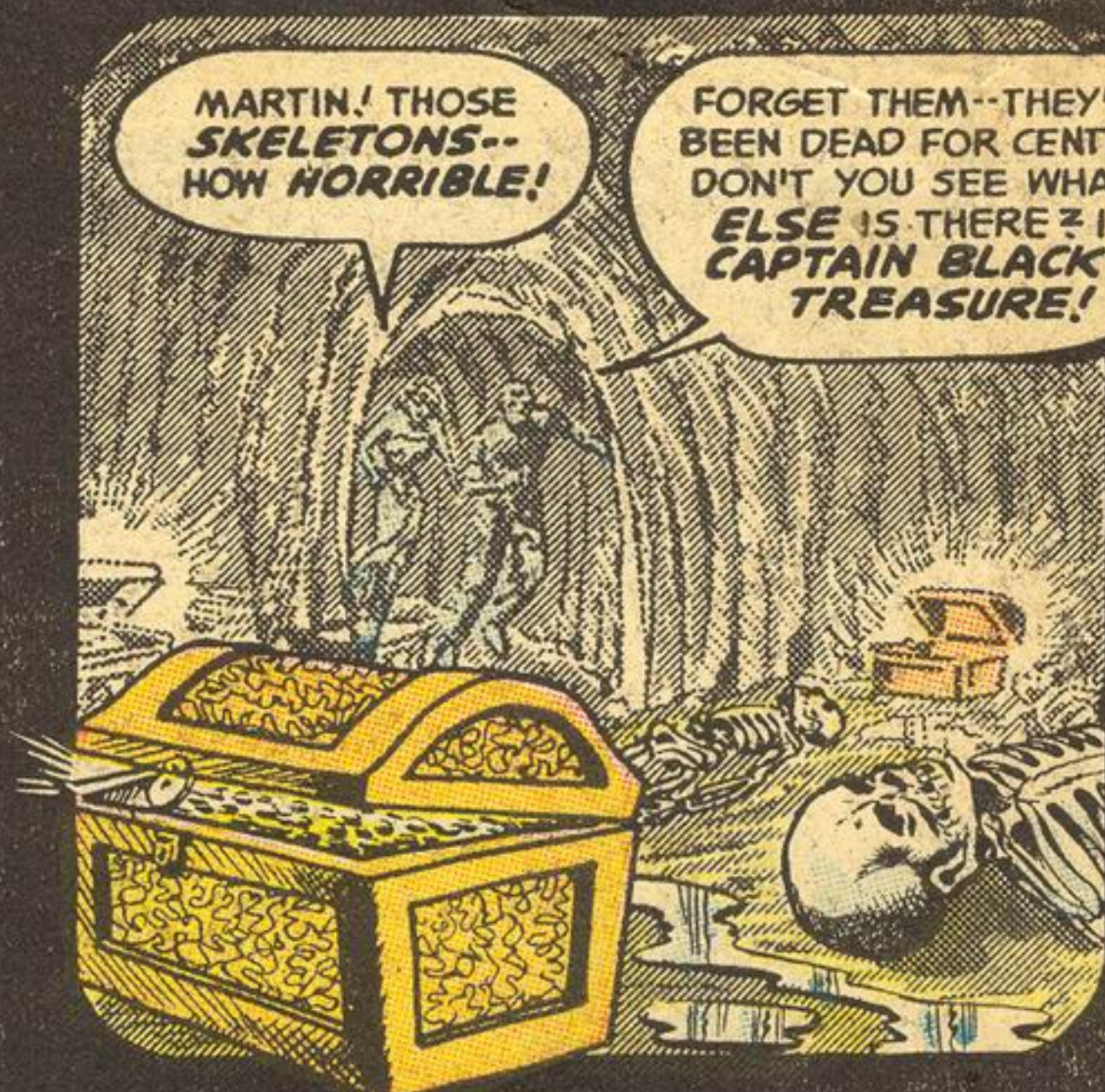
THAT STRANGE ROCK--
IT LOOKS AS IF IT MIGHT
BE COVERING ANOTHER
OPENING IN THE WALL!

TRY IT
AND SEE!



THERE!

YOU WERE *RIGHT*!
THERE'S ANOTHER
CAVE IN THERE!



MARTIN! THOSE
SKELETONS--
HOW HORRIBLE!

FORGET THEM--THEY'VE
BEEN DEAD FOR CENTURIES!
DON'T YOU SEE WHAT
ELSE IS THERE? IT'S
CAPTAIN BLACK'S
TREASURE!



COME ON! WE--WE'LL
TAKE AS MUCH AS WE CAN
SWIM OUT WITH--AND COME
BACK LATER FOR *MORE*!

I--I HOPE WE'RE
NOT FOOLING WITH
SOMETHING THAT
MIGHT BRING US
TROUBLE!

BACK HOME, THEY PLANNED FOR A ROSY
FUTURE, NOT KNOWING THAT *TERROR*
WAS TO BE THEIR LOT!



THIS NECKLACE--
IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL
THAT I'M GOING TO
WEAR IT TO BED!

THEY SLEPT-- AND A STRANGE LIGHT FILLED
THE ROOM

THEN, DREAMS-- TERRIBLE DREAMS OF
PAST HORRORS...



MY...MY THROAT!
THE NECKLACE...IT...
IT'S *BURNING*...



HURRY UP WITH
THEM CHESTS, YE
SWABS! GOT TO
GET 'EM IN THE
CAVE AFORE THE
TIDE COMES IN!

IT WAS A DREAM... BUT THE REALITY WAS SO STRONG...



WH--WHAT
DO YOU MEAN,
CAP'N?

NO ONE'S TO KNOW
WHERE MY TREASURE'S HID...
EXCEPT ME! I'LL KILL ANY-
ONE WHO TRIES TO TAKE IT--
EVEN IF I'VE GOT TO
COME BACK FROM THE
GRAVE!



URGH!

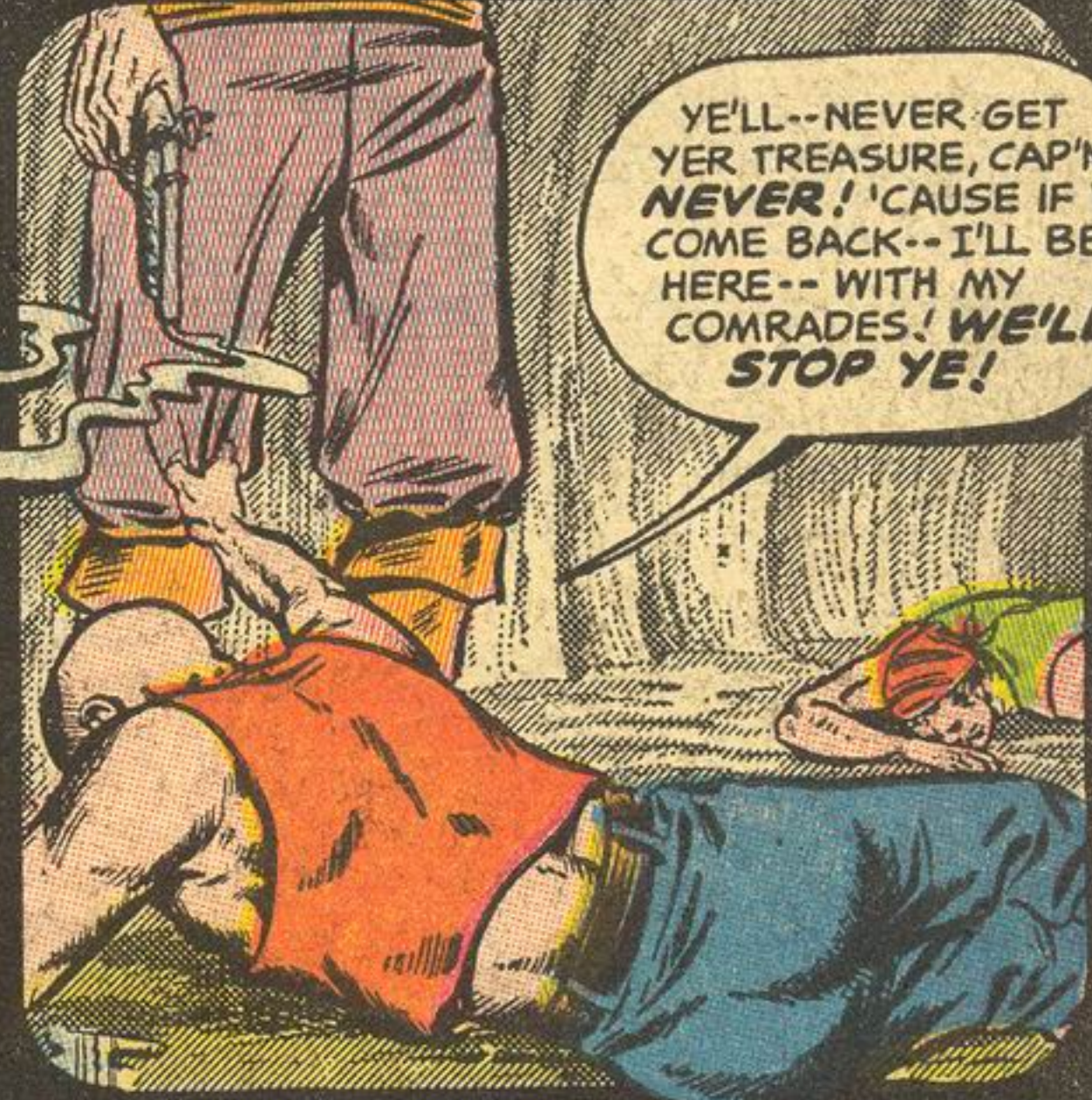
SO LONG, MATES!
HA-HA-HA!

BAM!

BLAM!



YE'LL--NEVER GET
YER TREASURE, CAP'N...
NEVER! 'CAUSE IF YE
COME BACK-- I'LL BE
HERE-- WITH MY
COMRADES! WE'LL
STOP YE!



MARTIN!
MARTIN!
HELP!

HA-HA!

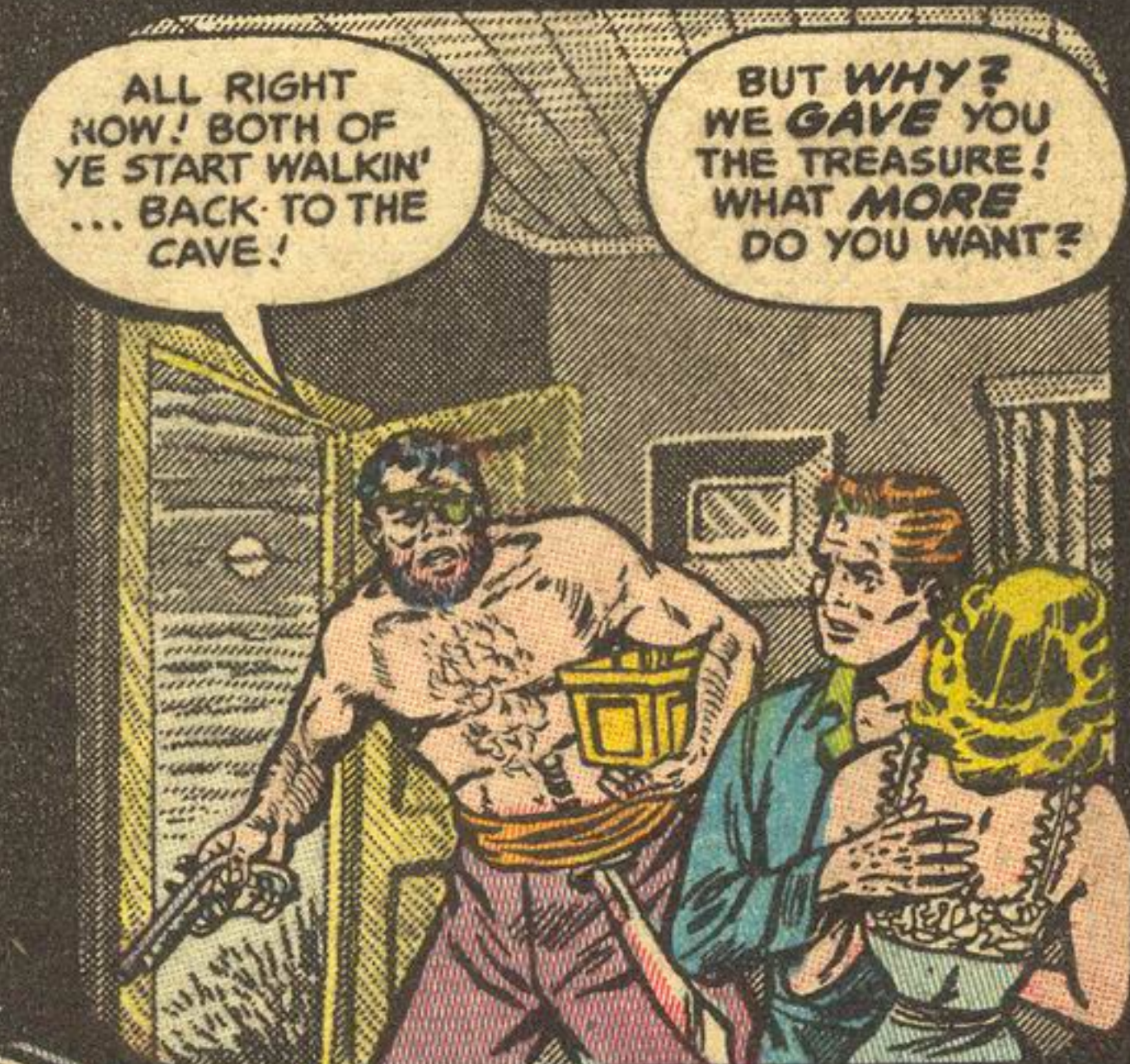


BUT IT WAS
JUST A
DREAM...
NOTHING
MORE!

IT WAS TERRIBLE,
MARTIN... TERRIBLE!
I... I THINK WE
SHOULD PUT THE
JEWELS BACK
WHERE WE FOUND
THEM!



KNOK!
KNOK!



I SWORE
THAT NO ONE
WOULD KNOW
WHERE MY
TREASURE IS
HID! NOW **YOU**
KNOW... SO YE
MUST JOIN
THE OTHERS...
IN THE CAVE!

**IT WAS A WEIRD PROCESSION--THE HOR-
ROR FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE, FORCING
THE LIVING TO ITS WILL...**

WHAT'LL WE
DO, MARTIN?
WHAT'LL WE **DO?**

I... I DON'T KNOW!
WE CAN'T FIGHT
THIS MONSTER!

INSIDE THE FATAL CAVERN--

NOW, GET IN
THERE... **WITH
THE OTHERS!**

BUT AS THEY ENTERED--

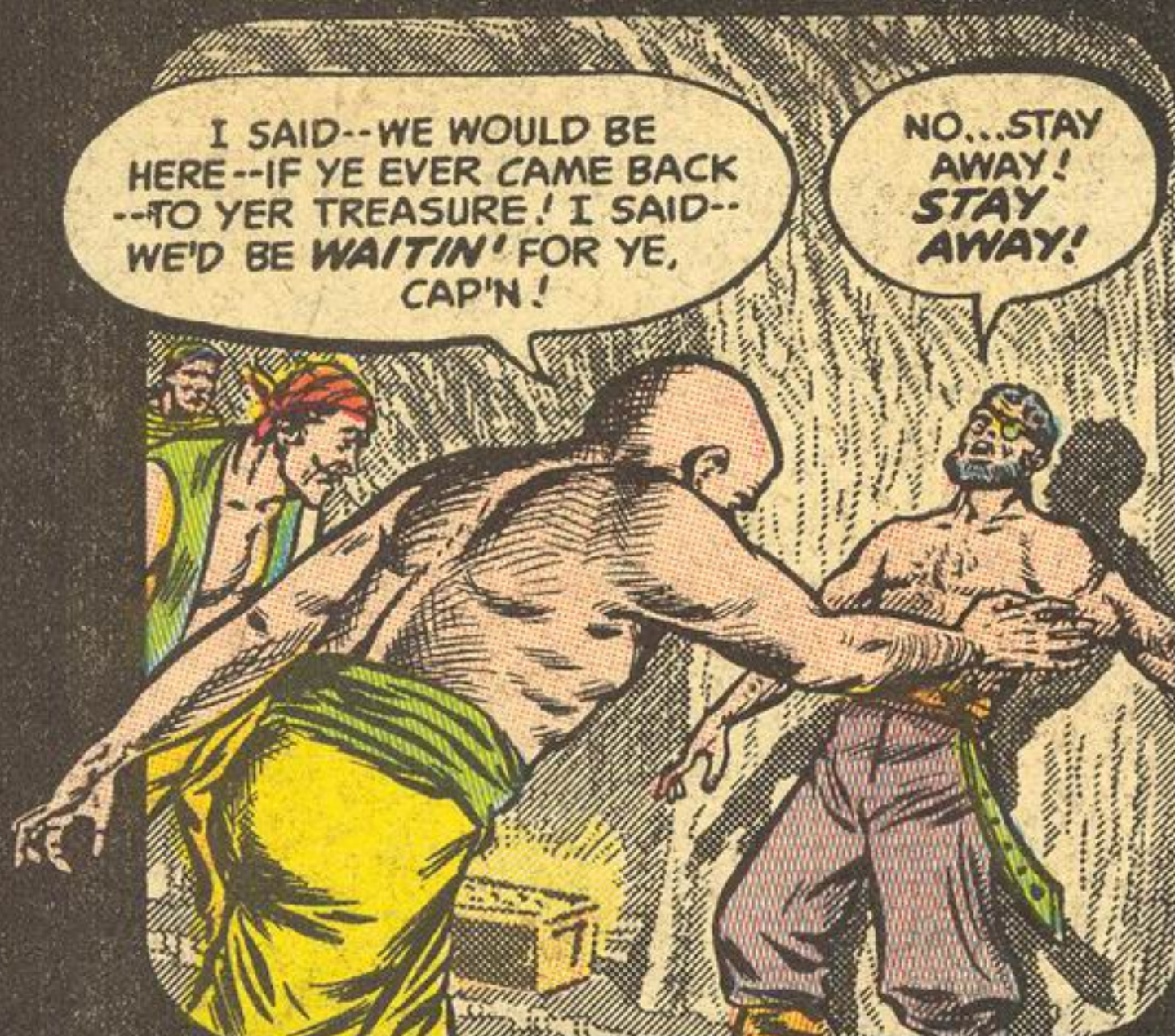
**MARTIN!
LOOK!**

WE HAVE BEEN--
WAITING FOR YOU!

THEY--THEY'RE THE
OTHER PIRATES I
DREAMED OF--THE ONES
HE KILLED! IT WAS **THEIR**
SKELETONS WE SAW--AND
NOW THEY'RE COMING
FOR US!

THEY... THEY
WENT RIGHT
PAST US!

BUT...
BUT
WHY?



I SAID--WE WOULD BE HERE--IF YE EVER CAME BACK--TO YER TREASURE! I SAID--WE'D BE **WAITIN'** FOR YE, CAP'N!

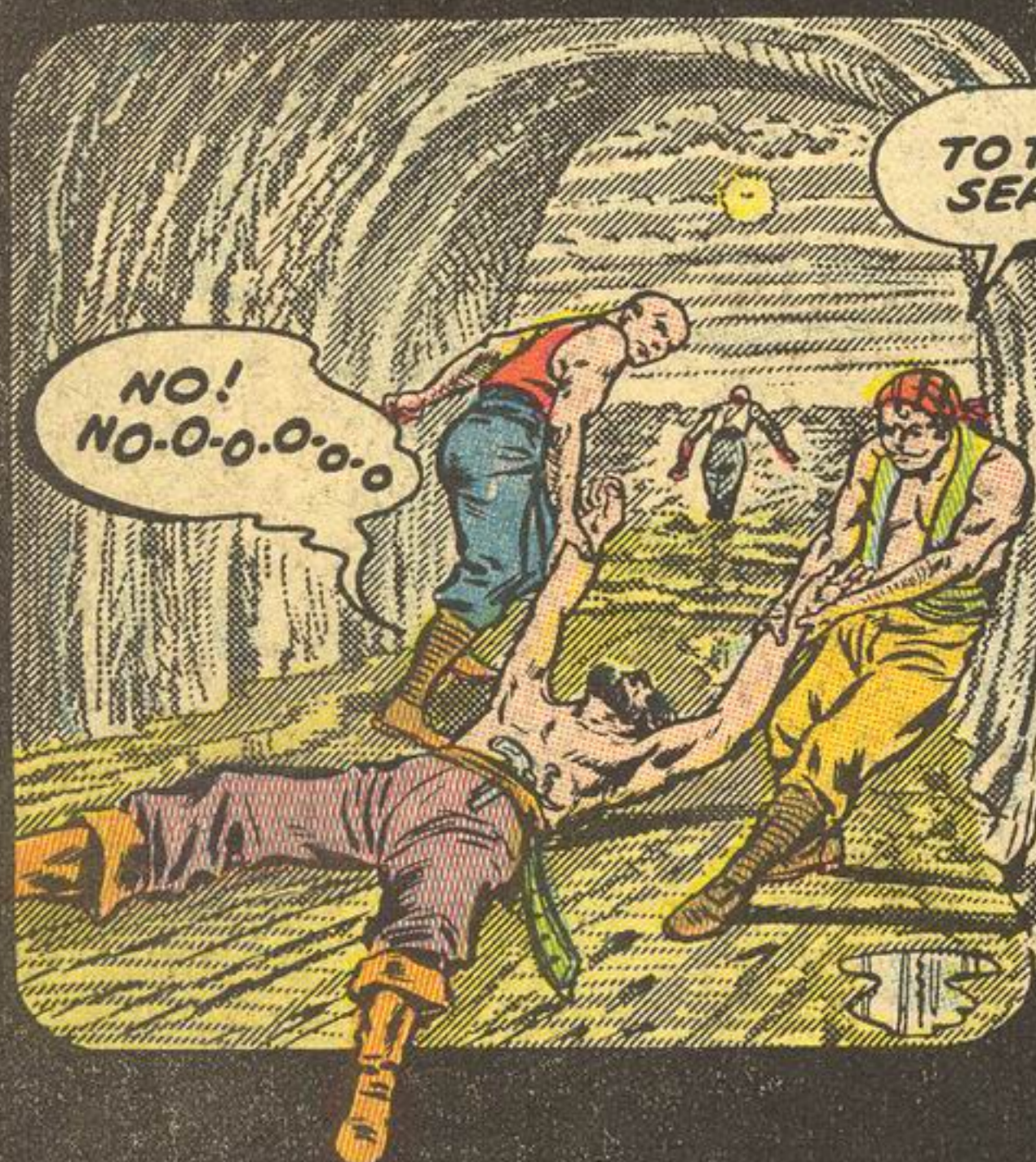
NO...STAY AWAY!
STAY AWAY!

REVENGE HAD WAITED THROUGH THE CENTURIES FOR THE CHANCE TO STRIKE...AND NOW GHOSTLY HANDS REACHED OUT...



YE'RE--**DOOMED**, CAP'N!

TO THE SEA, CAP'N!



NO!
NO-O-O-O-O-O

TO THE SEA!



THEY DRAGGED HIM--INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE OCEAN! HOW **TERRIBLE!**

LET'S GET --OUT OF HERE!

WITH DAYLIGHT, MARTIN AND JANE GATHERED ENOUGH COURAGE TO RETURN TO THE TREASURE CAVE! BUT--



IT...IT'S **EMPTY!** ALL THE TREASURE... **GONE!** WHAT CAN HAVE **HAPPENED?**



IT WAS **DEAD MAN'S GOLD**, DARLING--AND DEATH HAS CLAIMED IT! WE'LL NEVER SEE IT AGAIN--AND WE'LL NEVER SEE **CAPTAIN BLACK**, EITHER!

WE'RE ALIVE, AND WE'VE GOT EACH OTHER! THAT'S ENOUGH TREASURE FOR US!

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ALL HIS LIFE Gregor Samsanzi had lived in fear. Though he knew that madness was hereditary in some families, as was tuberculosis and diabetes in others, Gregor would gladly have exchanged the tainted blood of his family for any other. For in his family there was recurring vampirism!

The Samsanzi family was as ancient and noble as any in Eastern Europe. Centuries before its members had occupied thrones and dictated the fate of nations. During all those centuries its awful secret had been kept inviolate, for the few members of each generation who proved to be vampires were carefully guarded and cared for. Even human prey was provided, recruited from the subject peasant hordes the Samsanzis ruled.

But modern times had changed all that. The Samsanzis had been long since deposed, their lands and possessions confiscated, and their members sent fleeing by angry mobs. Gregor, had he been born a hundred years earlier, would have been a crown prince, destined for great power. As it was, he was merely a young lawyer in New York, an American citizen, who occasionally mused on his noble lineage.

But the taint of family vampirism, that was not a thing of the past. He had heard that a cousin living in France and an uncle in Denmark had proved to be vampires. Both had recently been killed by family agents. The heads of the Samsanzi family were still determined to keep the ancient secret.

That was why Gregor felt so relieved. At 25 years old he had never felt the awful craving which bespoke the inner vampire. Surely had the stain existed in him it would have manifested itself before then. That was why he could look up at the dark clouds racing before the pale moon without feeling the slightest apprehension.

He thought it perfectly safe to stand

in the direct rays of the full moon, even though he was aware that it was having a curious effect on him. For the first time in his life he thought he could understand the supernatural power those beams could contain. What must it be like, he wondered, to feel its effect racing like fire through the blood, changing the very structure of the face, growing wings and fangs, the whole beings slaving after human prey?

Gregor suddenly found himself intensely excited at the idea of transformation. What a sense of power it must be to have mighty wings, to be able to bear oneself aloft on velvet pinions, soaring high above the earth, able to search out the secrets of wind and cloud! And what a sense of exultation it must be to have human victims screaming for mercy below remorseless fangs! For the first time in his life Gregor Samsanzi felt that perhaps he was *unlucky*! Perhaps, after all, it would have been better to have *been* a vampire!

Suddenly a fierce pain gripped him, an agony such as he had never known. The pain was so sharp it doubled him over gasping for breath. Nearly fainting he remembered an awful thing; he remembered hearing once as a child how the first sign of oncoming vampirism was the *desire* for human prey... that which he had just felt!

What a fool he'd been, to suppose that just because he had reached 25 he was safe from the family taint. It come at any time, he now knew, just as any disease might.

Now the unspeakable agony overtook him completely. He felt great wings forcing themselves through his clothes and sharp fangs protruding from his jaws. Then, with a surge of inner dread, he knew that he had become a *vampire*, and that in a few moments he would soar into the midnight skies, in search of human prey!

REMEMBER THE GRISLY INCIDENT WHEN THE POLICE BROKE INTO THE RUBBISH-FILLED GRAEME MANSION AND FOUND THE BODIES OF TITUS GRAEME AND HIS COUSIN HERMAN? THEY NEVER DID FIND OUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED! FOR THE SECRET-- FOR THE EVEN MORE MACABRE MYSTERY OF HERMAN'S CORPSE... READ --

THE MAN WHO DIED LAUGHING



THE STORY BEGAN TWO DECADES BEFORE, WHEN DULL-WITTED HERMAN LIVED UNDER THE CARE OF HIS COUSIN TITUS, A STUDENT OF THE OCCULT--

YES, EACH WEEK HERMAN'S CHECK WAS DELIVERED BY THE FAMILY LAWYER--ONLY TO BE SPENT ON FINE CLOTHES AND GAY TIMES FOR TITUS!



SO YOU SEE THERE WAS LITTLE MONEY LEFT TO SUPPLY HERMAN'S MEAGER NEEDS--AND WHEN ONE DAY HERMAN FELL ILL--

BUT IT WAS PNEUMONIA...AND IN TWO DAYS HERMAN WAS DEAD! TITUS WAS FRANTIC, BUT NOT WITH GRIEF--

SUDDENLY TITUS REMEMBERED HIS OCCULT READINGS--



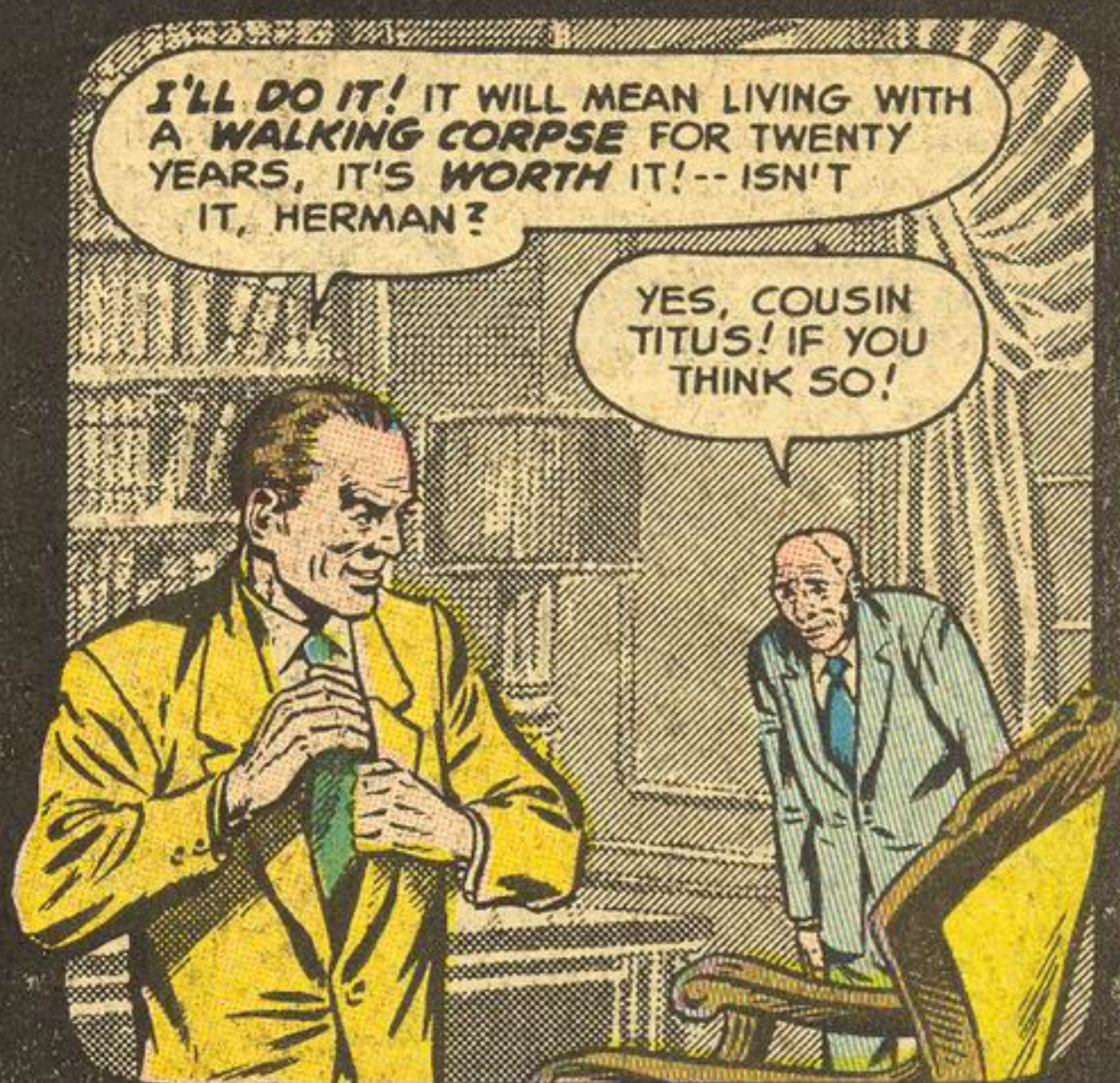
HE WORKED FAR INTO THE NIGHT, BUT BY DAWN HIS GRISLY TASK WAS DONE!

YES, TITUS GRAEME'S SATANIC PLAN HAD WORKED! THE LAWYER WAS COMPLETELY HOODWINKED--





SAY, IF I COULD
SAVE THAT MONEY
EVERY WEEK, IN
TWENTY YEARS
I'D HAVE A
HUNDRED THOU-
SAND DOLLARS--
A FORTUNE!
THEN I'D BE
ABLE TO LIVE
LIKE A KING!



I'LL DO IT! IT WILL MEAN LIVING WITH
A WALKING CORPSE FOR TWENTY
YEARS, IT'S WORTH IT!-- ISN'T
IT, HERMAN?

YES, COUSIN
TITUS! IF YOU
THINK SO!

AND SO THE GHOULISH STORY BEGAN! TITUS BE-
CAME A RECLUSE, Eeking OUT A BARE EXISTENCE
BY GATHERING JUNK FOR SALE AS THE YEARS
PASSED --

TITUS OFTEN CHUCKLED AT THE GROTESQUE
IDEA OF A CORPSE BEING LONELY, BUT HIS
LAUGHTER ENDED THE NIGHT HE RETURNED
TO FIND HERMAN ENTERTAINING GUESTS!



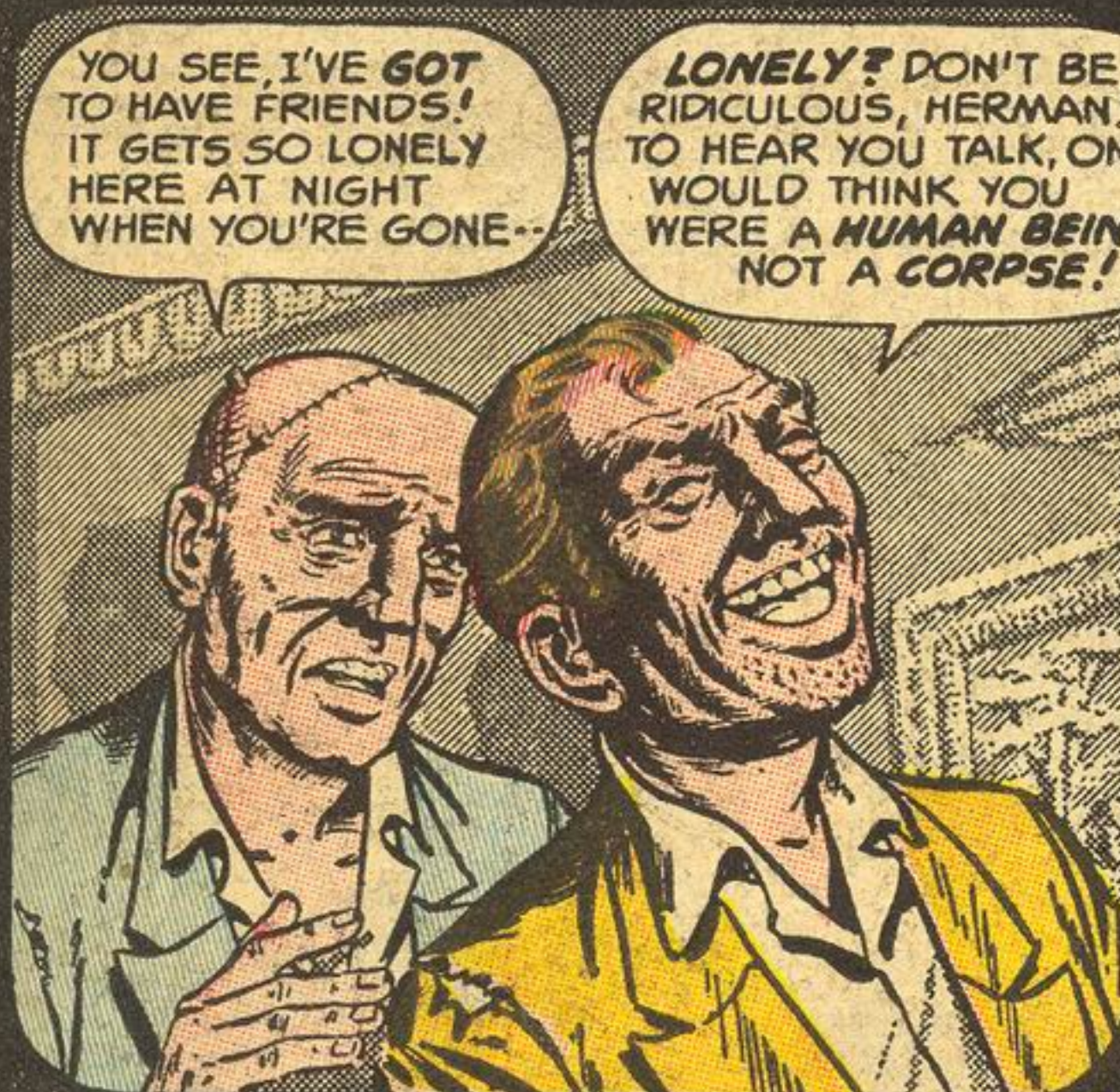
AN UNSIGHTLY MESS,
ISN'T IT, HERMAN? AND
NOW I'M GOING OUT
TO GET MORE!

PLEASE, COUSIN
TITUS, HURRY
BACK! IT GETS
SO LONELY HERE
AT NIGHT!



MICE! UGH! GET OUT
OF HERE, YOU DISGUST-
ING CREATURES!

TITUS, NO! DON'T
FRIGHTEN THEM --
THEY'RE FRIENDS
OF MINE! THEY
CAME TO VISIT ME!



YOU SEE, I'VE GOT
TO HAVE FRIENDS!
IT GETS SO LONELY
HERE AT NIGHT
WHEN YOU'RE GONE--

LONELY? DON'T BE
RIDICULOUS, HERMAN!
TO HEAR YOU TALK, ONE
WOULD THINK YOU
WERE A HUMAN BEING...
NOT A CORPSE!

BUT THOUGH HE DROVE THE MICE AWAY, THEY
ALWAYS RETURNED! BAFFLED, TITUS VENTED
HIS WRATH ON HERMAN! EACH DAY HE EX-
PLOITED AND ABUSED THAT POOR SOULLESS
BODY EVEN MORE! BUT THE BALEFUL EYES
OF HERMAN'S FRIENDS WERE ALWAYS UPON HIM!



BUT TITUS--
IT'S SO
HEAVY--

HIGHER,
YOU LAZY
OX!

THOSE BLASTED
SLINKING CREA-
TURES NEVER
STOP WATCHING
ME! IT'S AS IF
THEY HATED ME!

BUT THOUGH LIFE WAS HARD FOR TITUS, STILL IT HAD ITS REWARDS! EACH WEEK HE PUT HIS SAVINGS INTO A WELL-HIDDEN SUITCASE--

FIFTEEN YEARS AT HUNDRED DOLLARS A WEEK! IT'S REALLY PILING UP NOW! MAYBE I OUGHT TO COUNT IT!



NO, I'LL SAVE THAT DELIGHTFUL PLEASURE FOR THE VERY LAST! I'LL JUST KEEP CHECKING OFF THE DATES ON THE CALENDAR!



THEN AT LAST CAME THE HAPPY DAY--THE TWENTY LONG YEARS WERE UP! TITUS PREPARED A CELEBRATION, TOOK HIS PRECIOUS SUITCASE OUT OF HIDING--

TITUS, YOU'RE NOT-- GOING AWAY?

AND WHY NOT, YOU HULKING ZOMBIE? THERE'S A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN HERE! I SAVED IT ALL--NOW I CAN LEAVE THIS CURSED HOUSE AND YOU TOO! BUT NEVER FEAR-- YOUR RODENT FRIENDS WILL KEEP YOU COMPANY!



BUT AS TITUS OPENED THE SUITCASE HE STARED IN SICKENED DISBELIEF!

EMPTY! THERE'S NOTHING IN THERE BUT A FEW SCRAPS OF PAPER!

BE CAREFUL, TITUS! SOME OF MY FRIENDS ARE IN THERE!



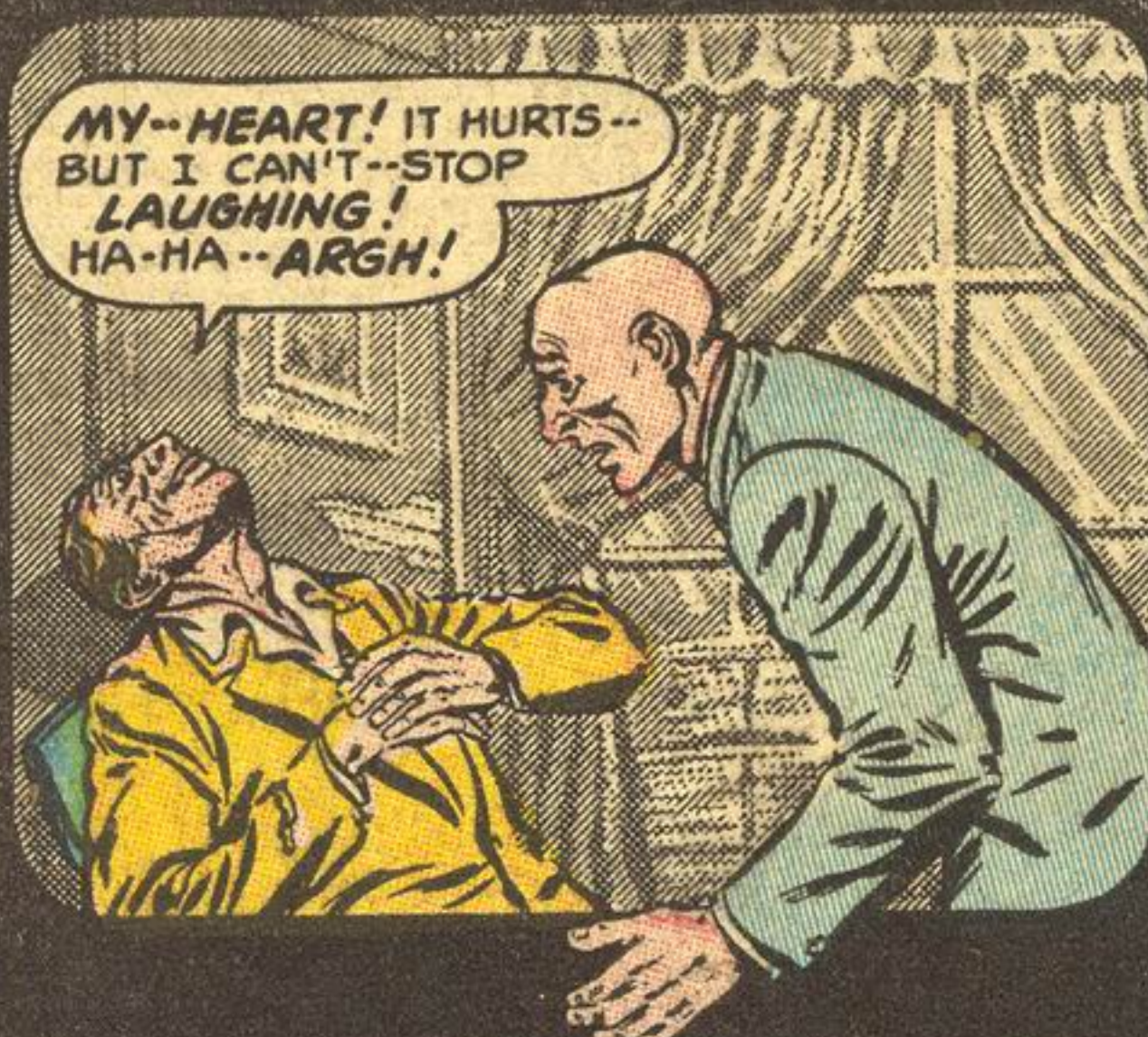
IN THAT NEXT MAD MOMENT, AS THE TRUTH BURST UPON HIM, TITUS FELT HIS BRAIN GO CRUMBLING! HE SCREAMED WITH WILD DEMENTED LAUGHTER AT FATE'S BIZARRE JEST--

HA-HA! TWENTY YEARS OF SAVING, AND ALL I DID WAS SUPPLY A MEAL FOR YOUR FRIENDS! HA-HA-HA!



BUT THAT WILD, HYSTERICAL LAUGHTER WAS TOO GREAT A BURDEN FOR HIS HEART! WEAKENED BY YEARS OF SEMI-STARVATION, IT GAVE WAY!

MY--HEART! IT HURTS-- BUT I CAN'T--STOP LAUGHING! HA-HA--ARGH!



AND SO NOW WE KNOW WHY TITUS GRAEME DIED LAUGHING!... OH YES, ABOUT THAT SECOND AND MORE MACABRE MYSTERY THAT THE CORONER WAS ABOUT TO TELL AT THE BEGINNING OF OUR LITTLE STORY--

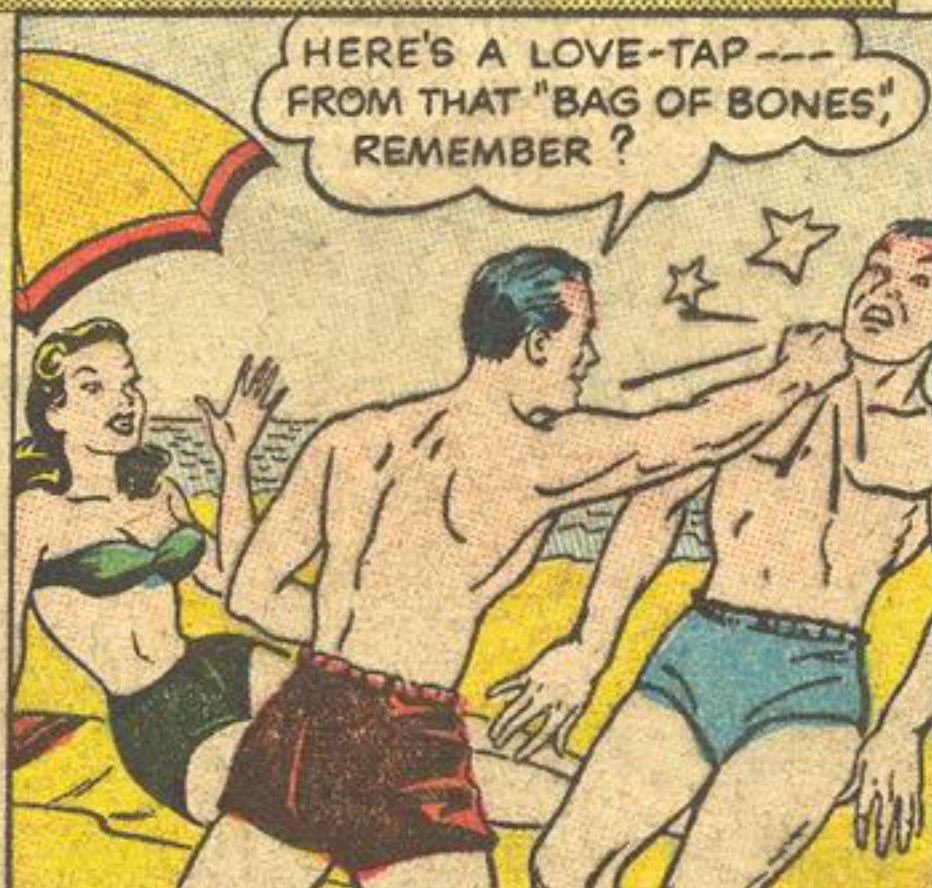
I JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT, GENTLEMEN! TWO CORPSES DINING AT THE SAME TABLE-- BUT WHILE TITUS HAS BEEN DEAD FOR ONLY TEN DAYS, HIS COUSIN HERMAN DIED MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS AGO!



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THE CLASP KNIFE

THE MURDER OF ROGER GORHAM, WHICH RESULTED IN AN AUTHENTIC MANIFESTATION OF THE SUPERNATURAL, TOOK PLACE ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 12, 1924--

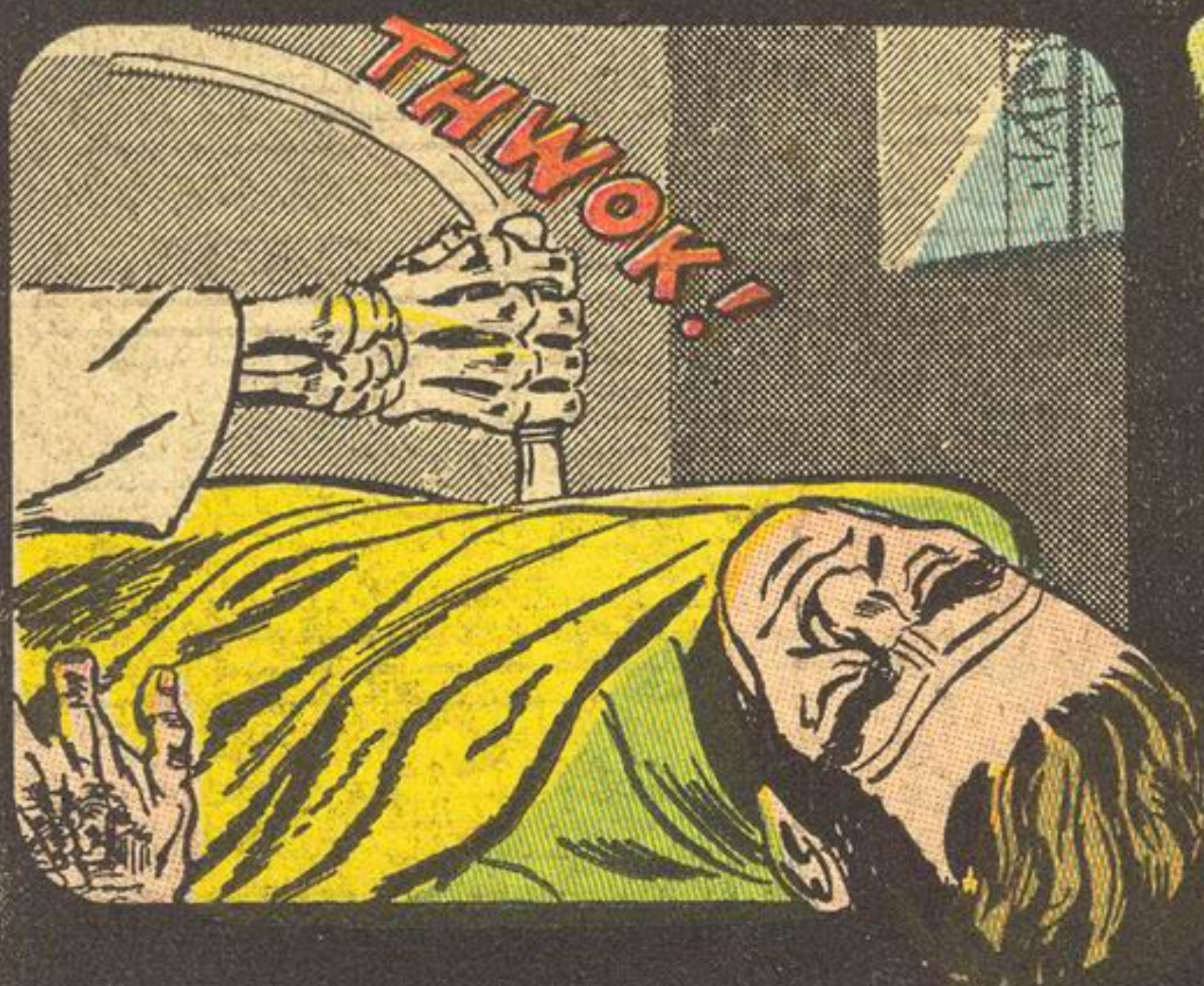


IN TIME, A STOOL PIGEON IMPLICATED THE MOB IN A SERIES OF MURDERS! WHILE ROCCO JANIRO AWAITED TRIAL--

THE ONLY THING THEY GOT ON YOU IS THE GORHAM MURDER, AND THEY CAN'T MAKE THAT STICK-- BECAUSE THEY'LL NEVER PRODUCE THE BODY! KEEP YOUR TRAP SHUT AND YOU'RE GOOD AS FREE!



SO IT SEEMED THAT THE MURDERER WAS TO GO SCOT FREE! BUT THAT NIGHT, AS THE KILLER SLEPT PEACEFULLY--



NEXT MORNING--

THAT'S HOW I FOUND HIM, CHIEF-- BUT NOTHING ALIVE COULD HAVE GOTTEN IN HERE!

IT'S INCREDIBLE! NOTICE THE INITIALS-- R.J. -- ROCCO'S INITIALS ON THE VERY KNIFE THE STOOLIE SAID HE'D STUCK INTO GORHAM! AND THE WHOLE THING'S COVERED WITH A GREENISH SLIME-- AS IF IT CAME FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA!



END

The LAST BARS

STUDENTS OF THE SUPERNATURAL ARE STILL STUDYING THE STRANGE CASE OF COMPOSER ROGER HARLEY! ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 12, 1947--

HURRY, DOCTOR--EVERY SECOND COUNTS! HE LOOKED LIKE A MAN **POSSESSED**!

BETTER CALM YOURSELF, MR. TROMMERS!



HE WAS WORKING ON THIS SYMPHONY NIGHT AND DAY--AS IF HE KNEW HE HADN'T MUCH TIME LEFT! AND NOW HIS MASTERPIECE WILL REMAIN UNFINISHED! THE WRITING BREAKS OFF SUDDENLY--WITHIN A FEW BARS OF THE END!



IN THE MUSICIAN'S DINGY APARTMENT--

YOU **SEE**? THE CHAP'S EXHAUSTED HIMSELF--SLEEPING LIKE A BABY!

EXAMINE HIM ANYHOW, DOCTOR! HIS EYES WERE SO BRIGHT--**BURNING**--LIKE A MAN DESPERATELY DRIVEN!



I-I'M AFRAID I WAS **MISTAKEN**, MR. TROMMERS! THIS MAN IS **DEAD**!

OH, **NO**! POOR OLD FELLOW--THE WORLD NEVER APPRECIATED HIS GENIUS!



ONLY A FEW BARS? HOW **TRAGIC**!

I--I'LL SIT UP WITH HIS BODY! IT'S THE LAST RESPECT I CAN PAY HIM--



SEVERAL HOURS LATER--

LOOKS VERY PEACEFUL NOW, DOESN'T HE, SIR?

PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND A HEARSE FOR HIM FIRST THING TOMORROW!



ALONE WITH HIS THOUGHTS --

HE DOESN'T LOOK PEACEFUL AT ALL! IT'S AS IF... HE WERE STILL BROODING OVER HIS UNFINISHED WORK!



AS THE WEARY HOURS DRAGGED ON--

SUCH A MOCKERY-- OF ALL HIS HOPES! BUT I-- CAN HARDLY-- KEEP MY EYES-- OPEN! SO SLEEPY--



NEXT MORNING--

WAKE UP, SIR! I'VE COME WITH THE HEARSE!



OH, YES-- OF COURSE! I-- I'D BETTER COLLECT HIS FEW POSSESSIONS!

SO LITTLE TO SHOW FOR A LIFETIME OF WORK! BUT--GOOD HEAVENS!

WHAT IS IT, SIR? ANYTHING WRONG?



THIS--MANUSCRIPT! YESTERDAY IT WAS INCOMPLETE-- AND NOW, IT'S BEEN FINISHED! LOOK-- THE PAGE IS BARELY DRY!

HEY, BOSS-- I THOUGHT YOU SAID THIS CORPSE WAS READY FOR BURIAL! LOOK AT THIS!



THE FINGERS-- THEY'RE FRESHLY STAINED WITH INK!

GOOD HEAVENS-- DO YOU THINK...?



THE END

2 THOSE ARE THE FACTS, READER! WHAT DO YOU THINK?

THE PLAGUE SHIP

SHORTLY BEFORE DAWN ON AUGUST 17, 1931--
OFF THE VIRGINIA COAST--

NOTHING LIKE STARTING
OUT EARLY!

LOOK OVER THERE,
FRANK! DO
YOU SEE--?



HOLY SMOKE!
THAT LOOKS
LIKE A... A
SAILING
SHIP!

IT--IT
IS!
BUT--



AM I DREAMING--
OR IS THAT THING
SHADOWY,
TRANSPARENT?

MERCIFUL
SAINTS-- IT'S
A GHOST
SHIP!



THE SHIP DISAPPEARED INTO THE FOG AND
THE TWO MEN HURRIED TO TELL THEIR STORY
TO A SCIENTIST FRIEND--

WE COULDN'T
BOTH BE
MAD!

HARDLY! BUT YOU'D
BETTER KEEP MUM TILL
I DO SOME RESEARCH!



ONE MONTH LATER--

IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT
OLD RECORDS SHOW THAT A
SHIP CALLED THE LUPERCALIA
WAS SUNK BY GUNFIRE OUT IN
THE BAY ON AUGUST 17, 1731--
EXACTLY TWO HUNDRED
YEARS BEFORE
YOU SAW IT!

THE SHIP HAD COME FROM
CHINA-- BUT BECAME IN-
FESTED WITH BUBONIC
PLAGUE ON THE HIGH
SEAS! WHEN SHE TRIED
TO LAND HERE, IRATE
CITIZENS SANK HER!
ON AUGUST 17, 1831, A
FISHERMAN REPORTED
SEEING A GHOST SHIP--
BUT PEOPLE THOUGHT HIM
DRUNK!

THAT MEANS THE SHIP
MAKES AN APPEARANCE
ONCE EVERY HUNDRED
YEARS! DO YOU THINK
IT'LL APPEAR AGAIN?

I'D GUESS
YES-- BUT
WHO
KNOWS?



YES, READER -- WHO KNOWS?



HI THERE, FANS! It's nice to get together on our monthly meeting with all you loyal readers who've made "Adventures Into The Unknown" the greatest magazine of its kind ever published. It won't be just a social session this time, friends...because we've got important business to transact. Since there's a quorum present...over half a million readers...let's come to order, and see what's on the agenda!

Item No. 1...*Truevision*. As you know, we instituted this process in order to lend to our stories the additional effect of the dimension of *depth*. This was in line with our policy of bringing our readers the latest and greatest in the field, expense notwithstanding. When *Truevision* was instituted, we determined to give it a six months' trial. Whether or not it was to become a permanent part of our program depended upon reader reaction. Well...the jury's still out! Many of our readers are wildly enthusiastic over our new process, and vow that there's nothing like it in the field for life and clarity. Others are of the opinion that the use of black lends too sober a note. No matter what the answer, this will be our deciding issue. The letters which we receive during the course of the next few weeks will determine whether *Truevision* will be

maintained as an additional reader service...so get your letter in!

Which brings us to the second item on our agenda. We refer to the type of story that we've been accustomed to carrying. As all of you folks know, we've always specialized in the *supernatural*...in rousing tales of ghosts, vampires, werewolves, zombies and all of the weird denizens of the great *Unknown*. Do you wish us to continue this policy exclusively...or would you rather that we serve the interests of variety by introducing, along with our customary fare, "shock" stories? By this, we mean tension-tales that are weird but *not* supernatural...stories that go in for suspenseful buildup and surprise "shock" endings. If your vote is "yes" on this point, let us know!

You may, on the other hand, prefer the treatment you'll find in this current issue. "Dead Man's Gold", for instance...a truly pulsing supernatural. "The Crime Machine" packs its own special brand of punch...with its own distinctive type of scarey thrill for your entertainment! Tell us what you want, please! Send your letter to The Editor, "Adventures Into The Unknown", 45 West 45th Street, New York 36, N.Y. And if you'd like to know what some of our other readers are saying, here goes!

"Dear Editor:-

I always enjoy 'Adventures Into The Unknown' because it packs lots of action and excitement. Two of my favorite stories were 'Monster In The Fog' and 'Till Death Do Us Part'. And I really go for *Truevision*...keep it up!

...Irwin Katz, Brooklyn, N. Y."

"Dear Editor:-

I like 'Adventures Into The Unknown' better than any horror book published. One of my favorite stories was 'The Blind Man' in one of your recent issues. Please...more vampire and werewolf stories...they're my favorites! And do you have any club that girls and boys can join? If not...how about it?

...Katherine Markwatter, Augusta, Ga."

"Dear Editor:-

I like *Truevision* very much, and can't wait until I can get some more of your magazines in this new medium.

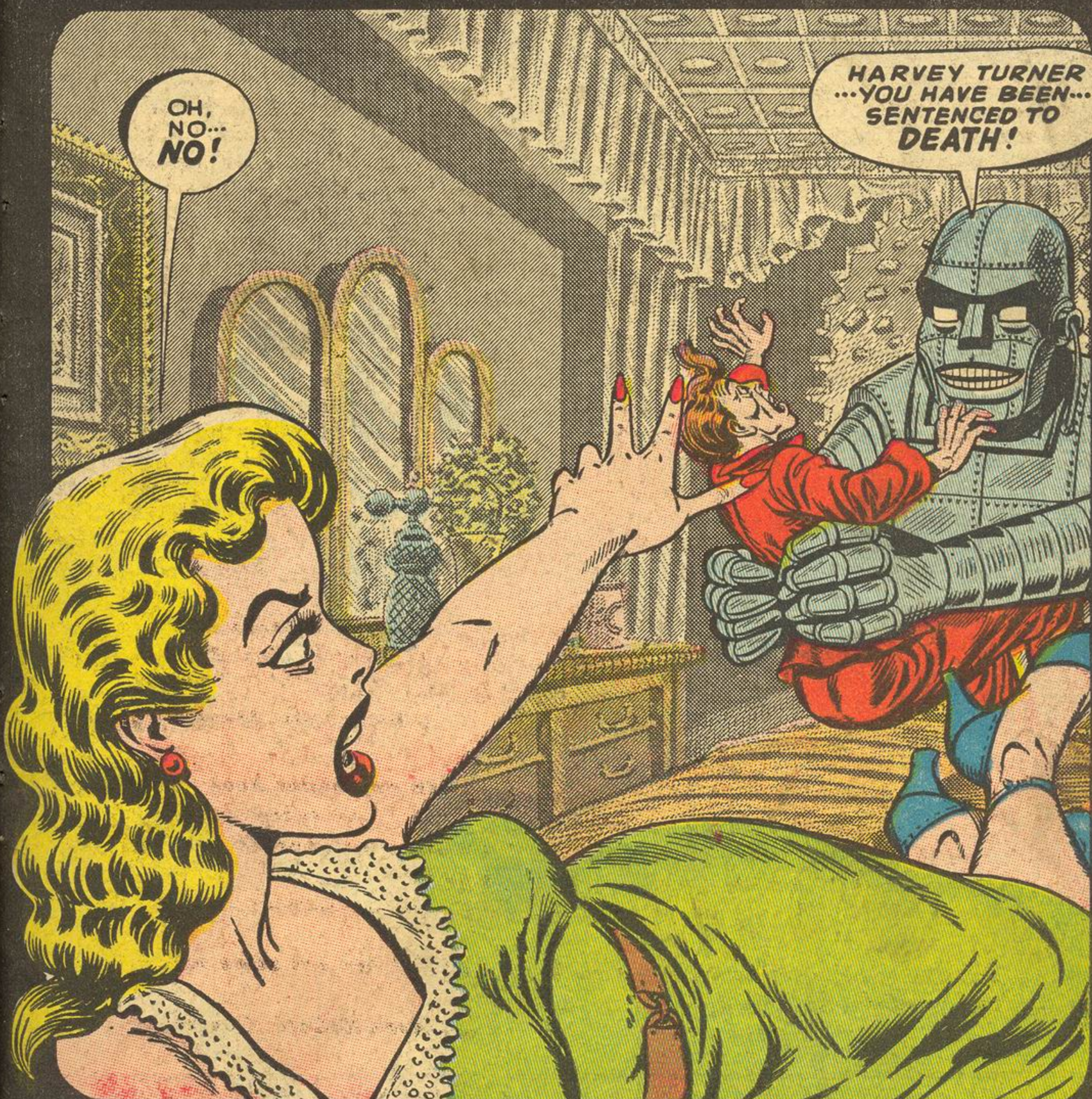
...Steven McCord, Congers, N. Y."

HOW HUMAN CAN A MACHINE BE? KENNETH MARDIER COULD HAVE TOLD YOU, BUT HE'S DEAD! YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT FOR YOUR ANSWER UNTIL THE NIGHT YOU SEE THE EVIL FACE AND HEAR THE BLOOD-CHILLING SCREAM... COMING FROM YOUR OWN THROAT! ONLY THEN WILL YOU KNOW THE HORROR BEHIND THE ...

THE CRIME MACHINE

OH,
NO...
NO!

HARVEY TURNER
...YOU HAVE BEEN...
SENTENCED TO
DEATH!



MY COMPANY
HAS BUILT **ELECTRONIC
BRAINS** TO SOLVE NEAR-
LY EVERY PROBLEM OF
MANKIND!

I HAD NO
IDEA **ELEC-
TRONICS** HAD
COME **THIS**
FAR, DR.
MARDIER!

THIS IS **NOTHING**, MR.
CAMERON! ACTUALLY, I'VE
BUILT A MACHINE TO ELIMI-
NATE THE ENTIRE LEGAL
SYSTEM! IT IS JUDGE,
JURY AND EXECUTIONER
...**ALL
IN
ONE!**

**GOOD
HEAVENS!**
CAN YOU...
SHOW IT
TO ME?

IS THAT
THE...UH
...**CRIME
MACHINE?**

I SUPPOSE YOU
COULD CALL IT THAT!
BUT IT'S MEANT TO
PREVENT AND PUNISH
CRIMES, NOT COM-
MIT THEM!

LOOK...
ISN'T IT
BEAUTIFUL?
TELL YOUR
READERS I
DESIGNED IT
TO RESEMBLE
AN OLD INDIAN
GOD OF
VENGEANCE!

THIS WILL BE A SYMBOL OF
MAN'S DETERMINATION TO TAKE
REVENGE ON THE LAWBREAKER! IT
WILL PUNISH SWIFTLY AND SURE-
LY... WITH NO RIGHT OF
APPEAL!

BUT YOU CAN'T
DISPENSE JUSTICE
THIS WAY! MEN
MAKE THE LAWS,
AND MEN MUST
CARRY THEM OUT!

YOU'RE BEHIND THE
TIMES, MR. CAMERON! I'M
DEMONSTRATING IT BE-
FORE THE BAR ASSOCI-
ATION NEXT WEEK
---YOU CAN SEE
THEN HOW
PRACTICAL
IT REALLY
IS!



THIS IS THE CASE OF NUM-
BER X-40031, FOUND IN THE SAME
ROOM WITH A DEAD WOMAN, AND HOLD-
ING A BLOODY KNIFE! SHE HAD BEEN
STABBED TO DEATH! WHAT IS
YOUR VERDICT?



A WEEK PASSED...

I WILL BEGIN BY DEMON-
STRATING HOW MY MACHINE
WORKS! TO SAVE YOUR TIME,
THE EVIDENCE I GIVE IT WILL
BE GREATLY SIMPLIFIED!



THE MACHINE HUMMED FOR A FEW SECONDS
AS ITS MECHANICAL BRAIN EVALUATED THE
EVIDENCE! THEN IT SLOWLY ROSE...



THE NEW YORK WORLD-RECORD

SCIENTIST PANICS LEGAL GROUP

WHILE UNQUESTIONABLY THE
WORK OF A GENIUS, DR. MAR-
DIER'S CRIME MACHINE
SICKENS THE HUMAN
SOUL. THE MONSTROUS IDEA
OF A MACHINE-MADE INQUIR-
ITOR HORRIFIED THE LEGAL
EXPERTS...

THE WEAK, CRINGING FOOLS! THEY
WON'T ADMIT MY GREATNESS BE-
CAUSE THEY'RE AFRAID OF LOSING
THEIR PUNY JOBS! I'LL SHOW
THEM! I'LL SHOW
THEM ALL!



THEY KNEW THIS INVENTION MEANT THE
END OF EVERYTHING FOR THEM! I'LL SHOW
THEM HOW RIGHT THEY WERE! I'LL GIVE
THEM A DEMONSTRATION THEY'LL
NEVER FOR-
GET!



LOUDLY HE REPEATED THE NAMES OF THE
BAR ASSOCIATION OFFICERS...BEGAN GIV-
ING THE "EVIDENCE" HIS WARPED BRAIN BE-
LIEVED TO BE TRUE...

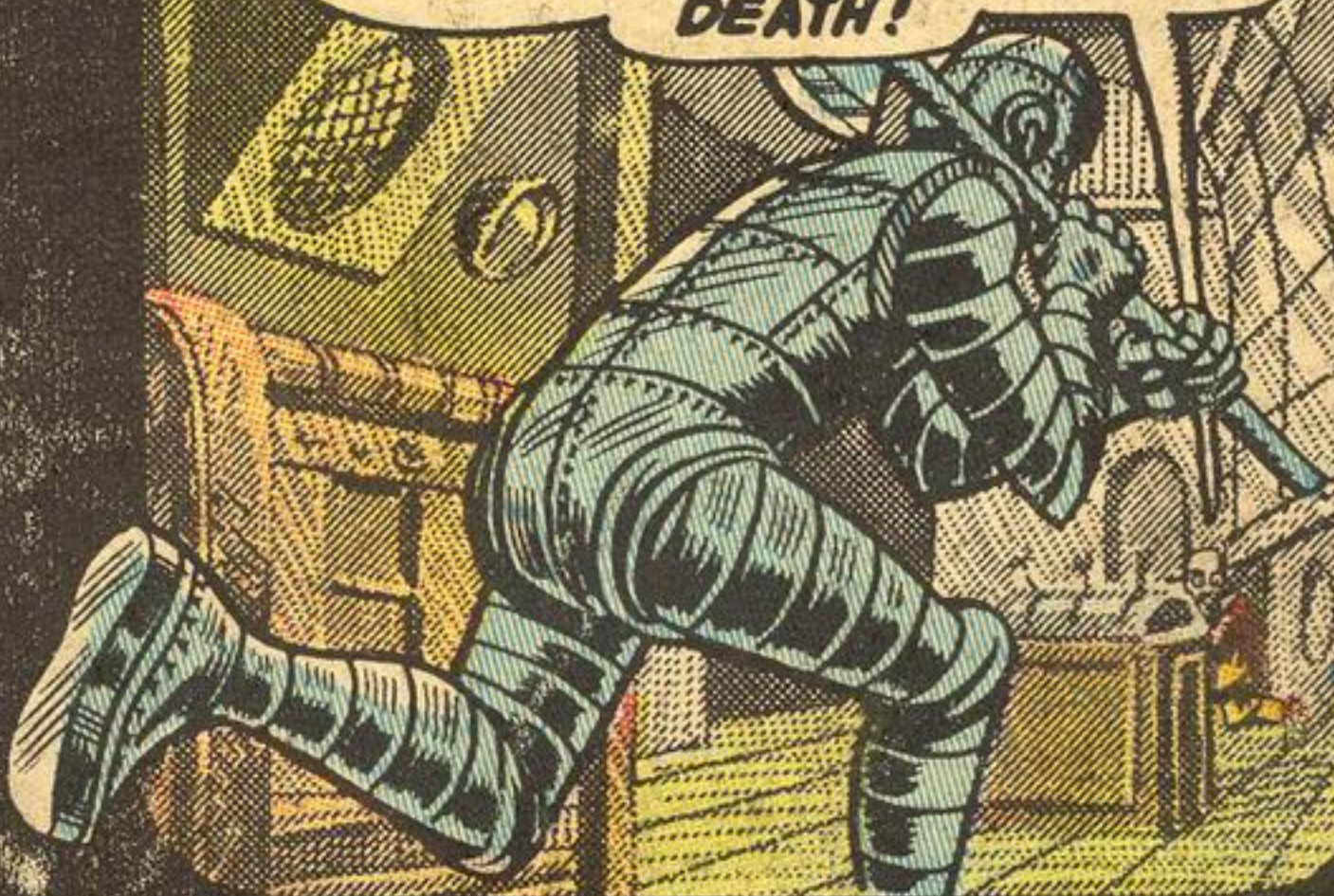
THEY REPRESENT A CORRUPT, DIS-
HONEST SYSTEM...STIFLING MAN'S HOPES
AND DREAMS! THEY LIE, CHEAT, STEAL...
THEY ARE NOT FIT TO LIVE!



NOT... FIT TO
LIVE? THEN...
THEY MUST
...DIE!



DIE! YES, THEY WILL ALL DIE...AND MY
REVENGE WILL BE COMPLETE! I WILL SET
YOU LOOSE, MY BEAUTIFUL FRIEND! LOOSE
TO CARRY OUT YOUR MISSION OF
DEATH!



THAT MAKES...YOU,
TOO, A KILLER! AND
ALL...WHO KILL...
MUST BE KILLED!

NO!
NO...
NOT
ME!



DON'T PUNISH ME
FOR HAVING THEM
KILLED! IT WAS THE
ONLY...

I SENTENCE
YOU...TO DEATH!
THERE IS NO
RIGHT OF
APPEAL!



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1 This handsome stamp shows the United Nations Flag of blue, with a white design in center. Border of stamp is in red; includes five official UN languages.



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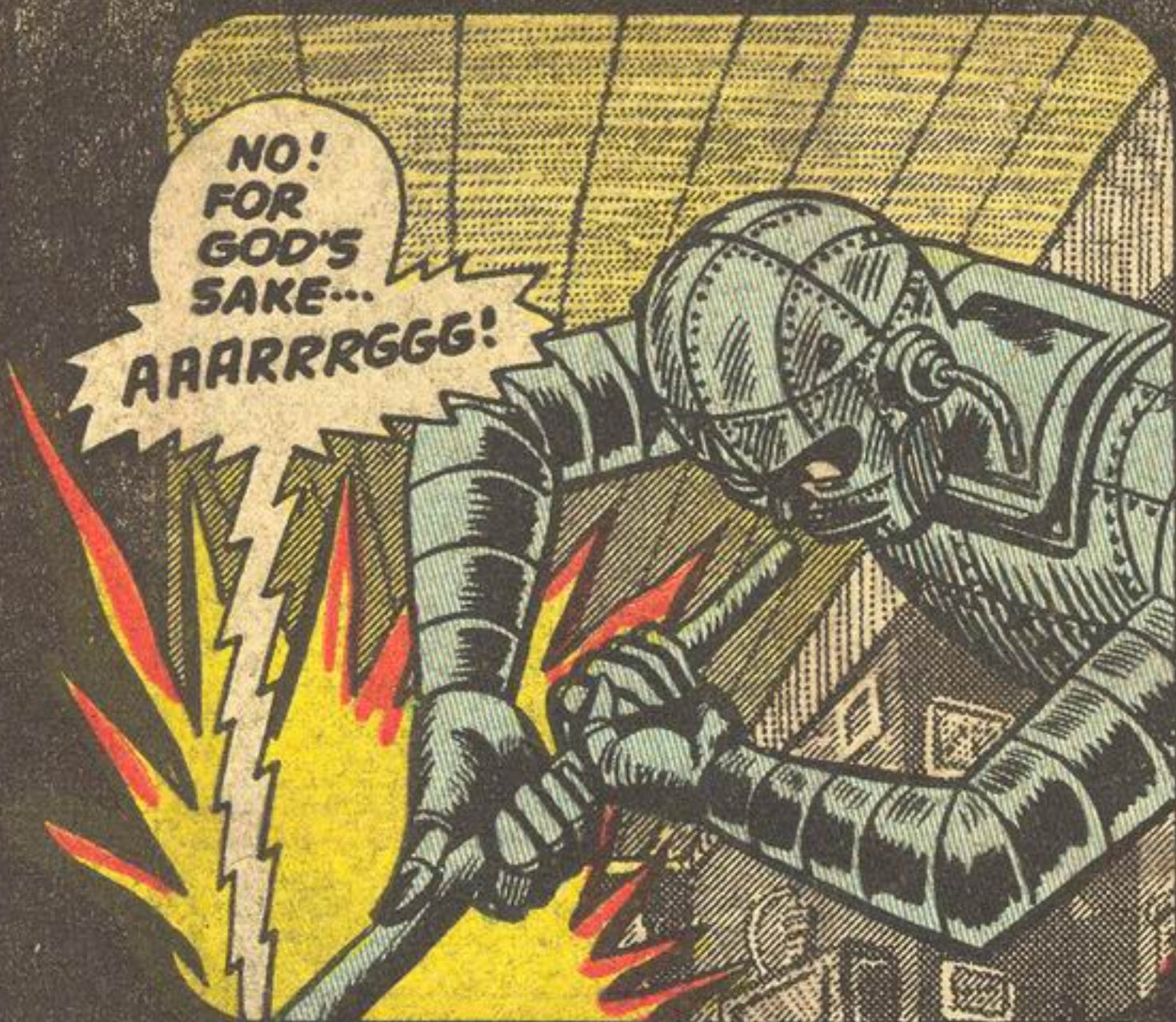
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NO!
FOR
GOD'S
SAKE...
AAARRRGGG!



KILL!
KILL!

CRASH!

IT STARTED THEN... THE REIGN OF TERROR...

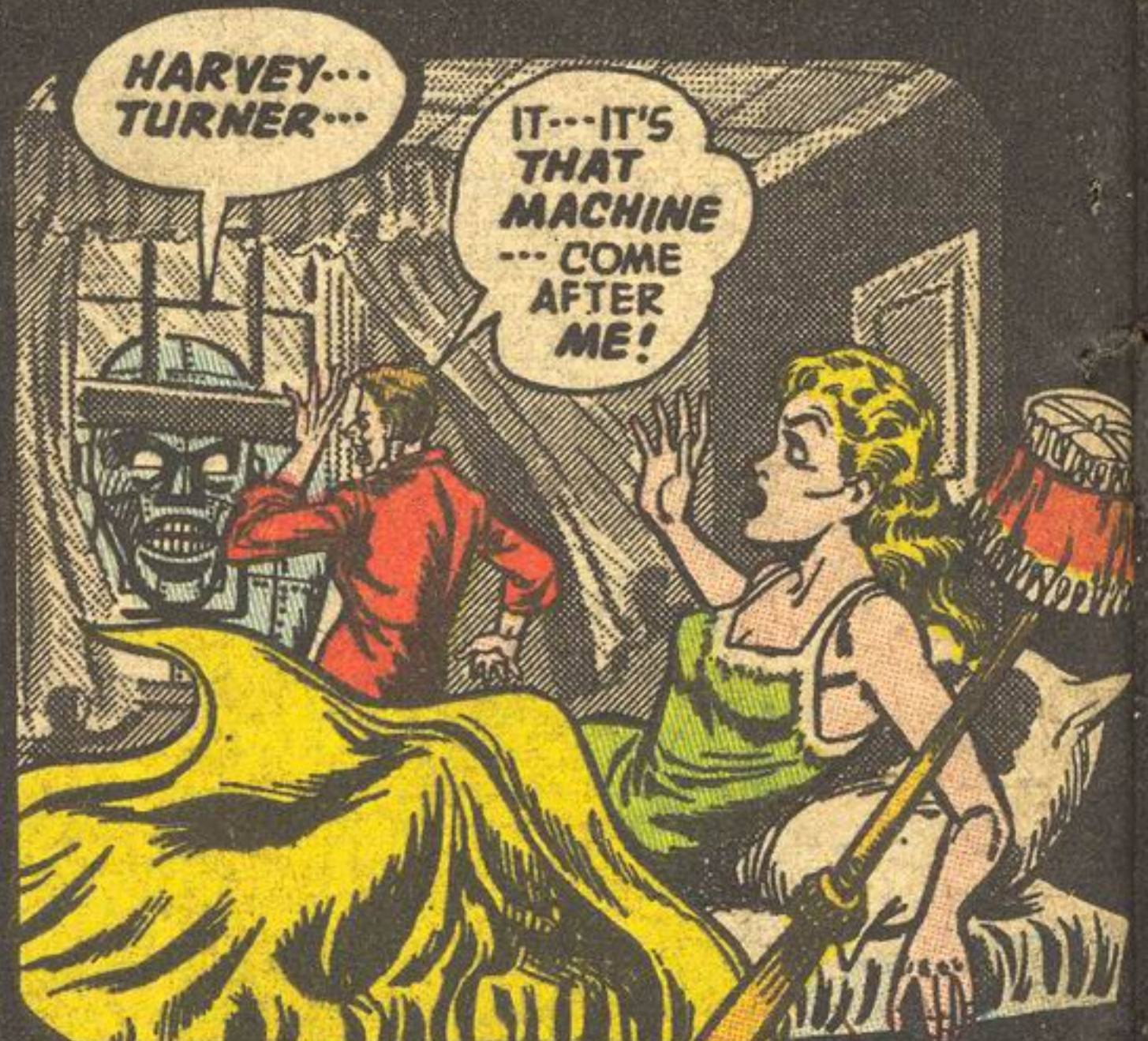


YAAAAA!

RUN!
RUN FOR
YOUR
LIVES!



CRAAAACKKKK!



HARVEY...
TURNER...

IT... IT'S
THAT
MACHINE
... COME
AFTER
ME!



MEANWHILE...



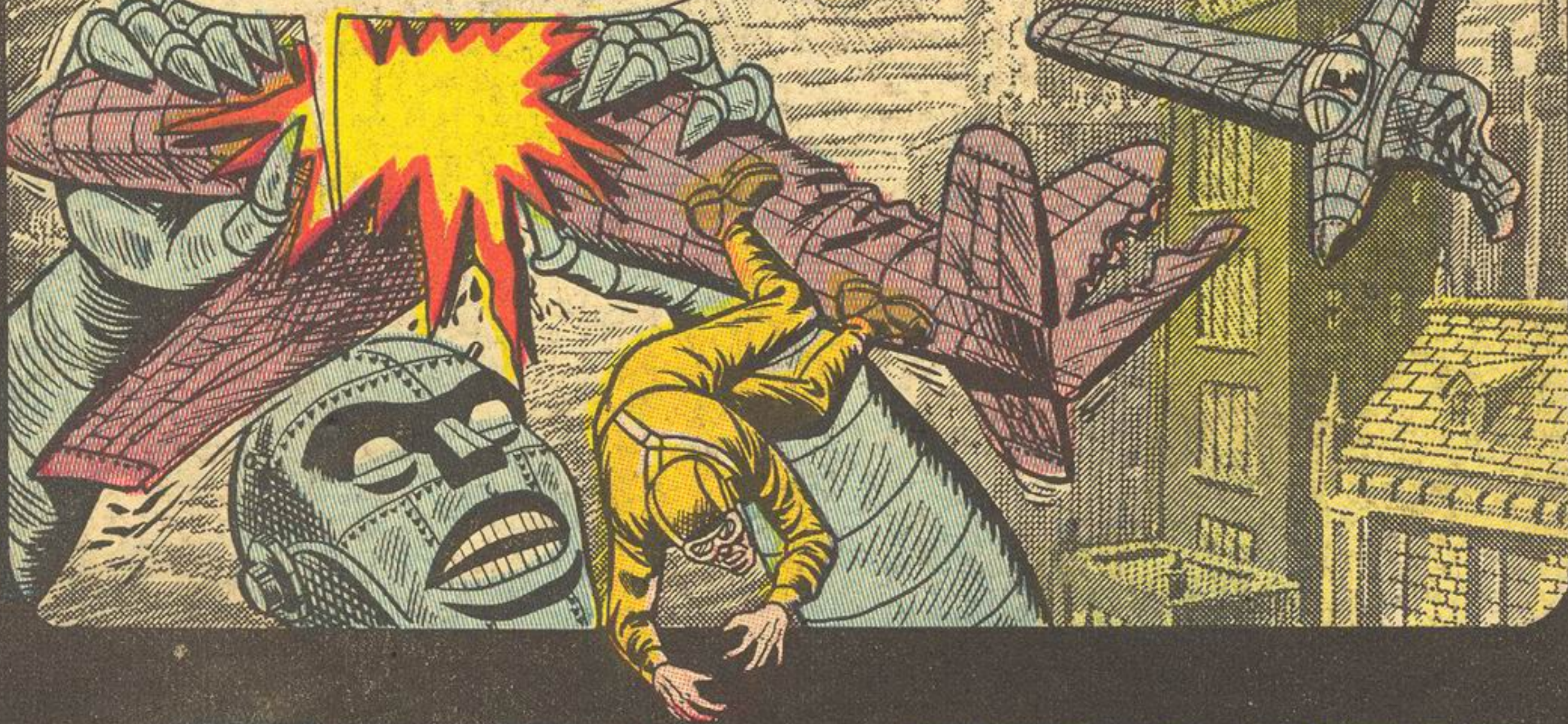
MARDIER...**DEAD!** THAT THING'S **MAD**
NOW...LIKE THE MAN WHO BUILT IT! AND
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO...



MEANWHILE, THE CITY FOUGHT BACK...PITTING
MACHINE AGAINST MACHINE!



I HAVE...MORE DEATHS
TO RECORD! OTHER MEN
TO FIND...TO EXECUTE!



DON'T BE A FOOL,
CAMERON! **COME**
BACK!

NOT UNTIL I TRY
THIS! THE MONSTER
WAS FORGED IN FIRE!
MAYBE FIRE CAN **DE-**
STROY IT!



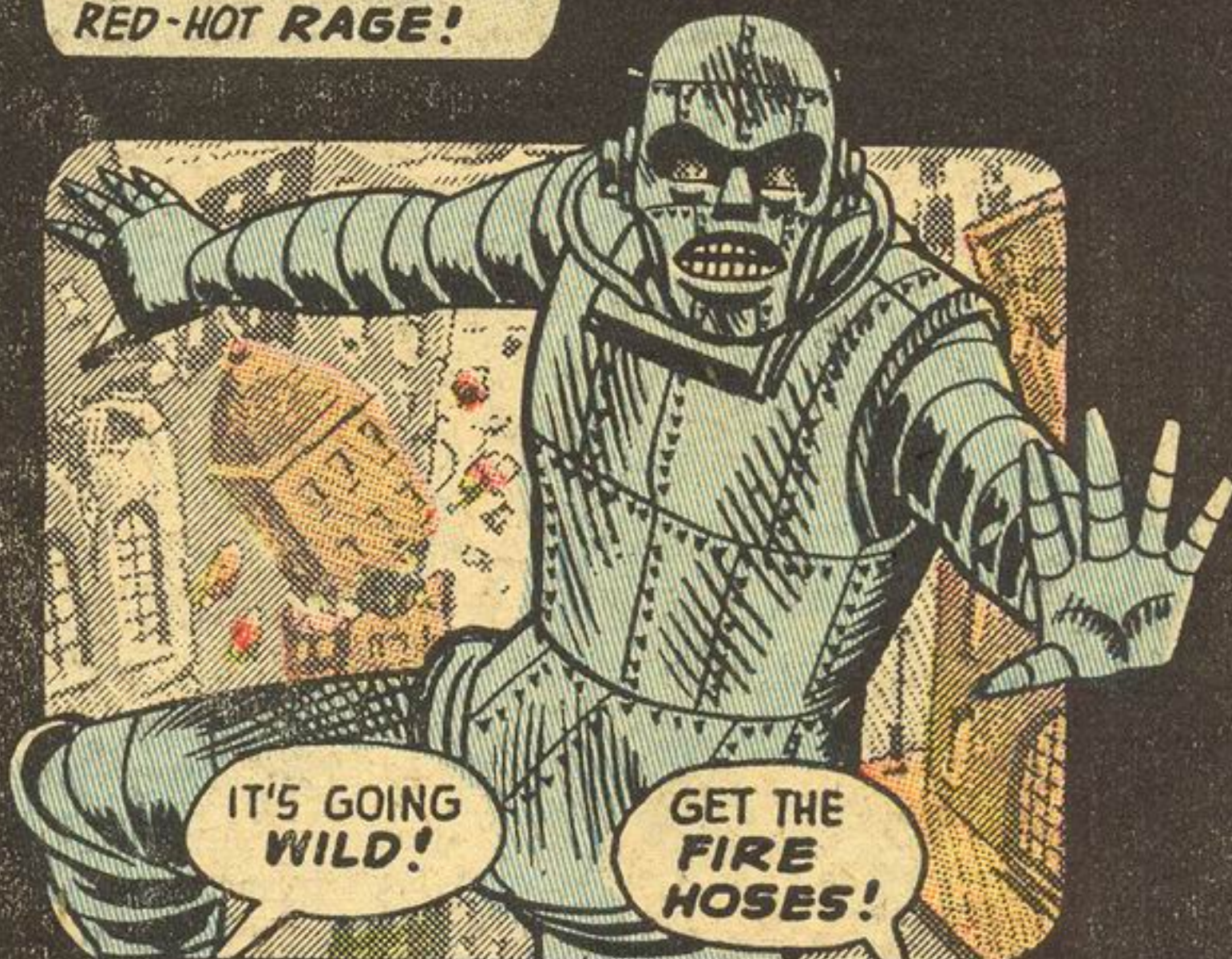
OKAY, YOU
OVERGROWN
ADDING MACHINE!
HOW DO YOU LIKE
THIS **FLAME-**
THROWER?



IT... IT
DOESN'T SEEM
TO HAVE...ANY
EFFECT...



NO EFFECT...EXCEPT A
RED-HOT RAGE!



IT'S GOING
WILD!

GET THE
FIRE
HOSES!

HISS!



THEN...STILL INTACT...



NOTHING
CAN STOP IT!
NOTHING!
IT'S SEEKING
OUT SOME-
BODY...



WILLIS...THORNTON!
YOU HAVE BEEN FOUND
...GUILTY! YOU MUST
...DIE!

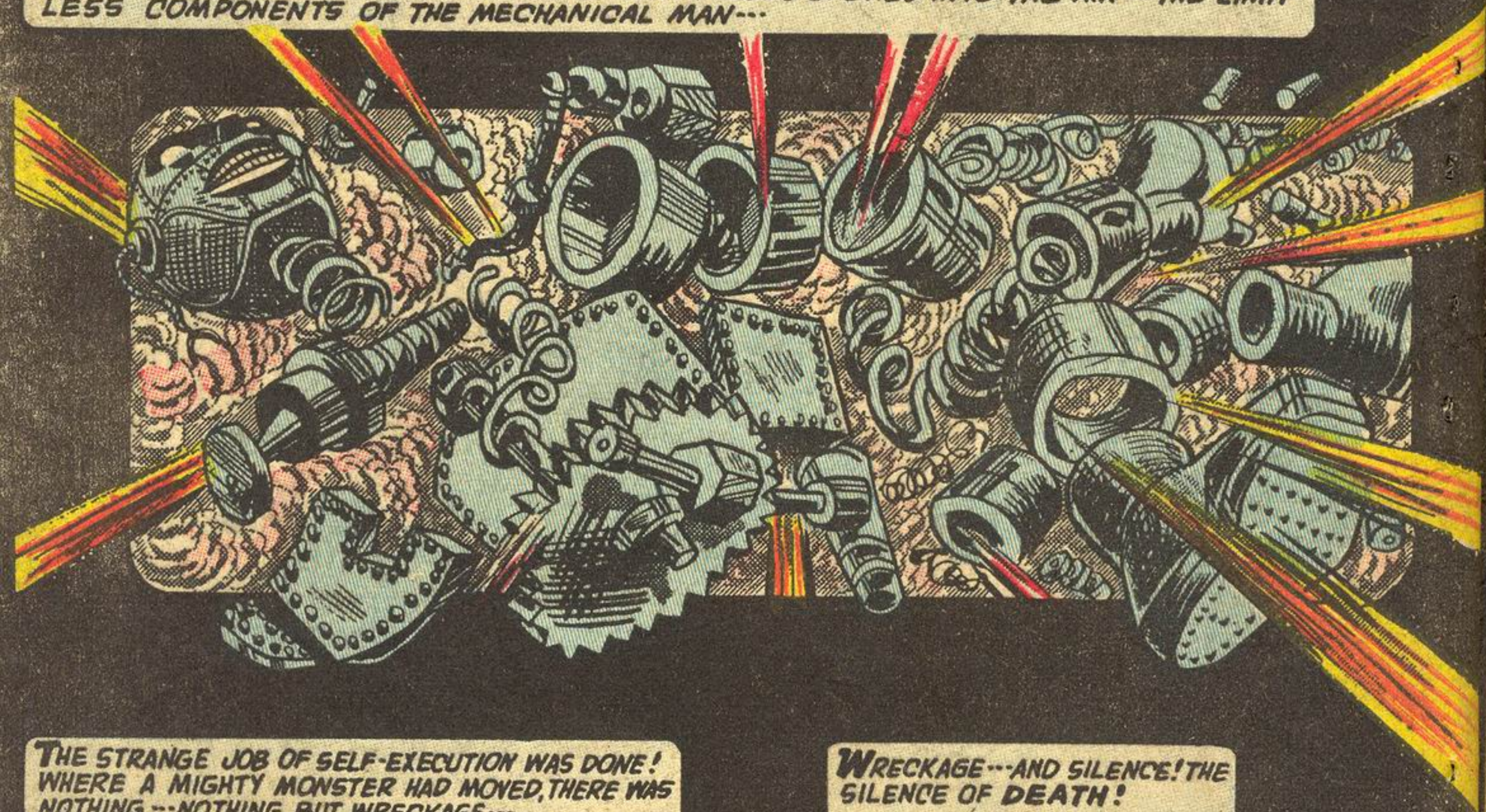


YAAAAA!

IT CONTINUED STEADILY DOWN THE LIST UNTIL THE LAST MAN HAD BEEN BRUTALLY EXECUTED...AND ITS JOB WAS OVER! THEN---



AS IT TORE ITSELF APART, MILLIONS OF TINY PIECES SPEWED INTO THE AIR... THE LIMITLESS COMPONENTS OF THE MECHANICAL MAN---



THE STRANGE JOB OF SELF-EXECUTION WAS DONE! WHERE A MIGHTY MONSTER HAD MOVED, THERE WAS NOTHING --NOTHING BUT WRECKAGE---

WRECKAGE...AND SILENCE! THE SILENCE OF DEATH!



BUT...BUT WHY?

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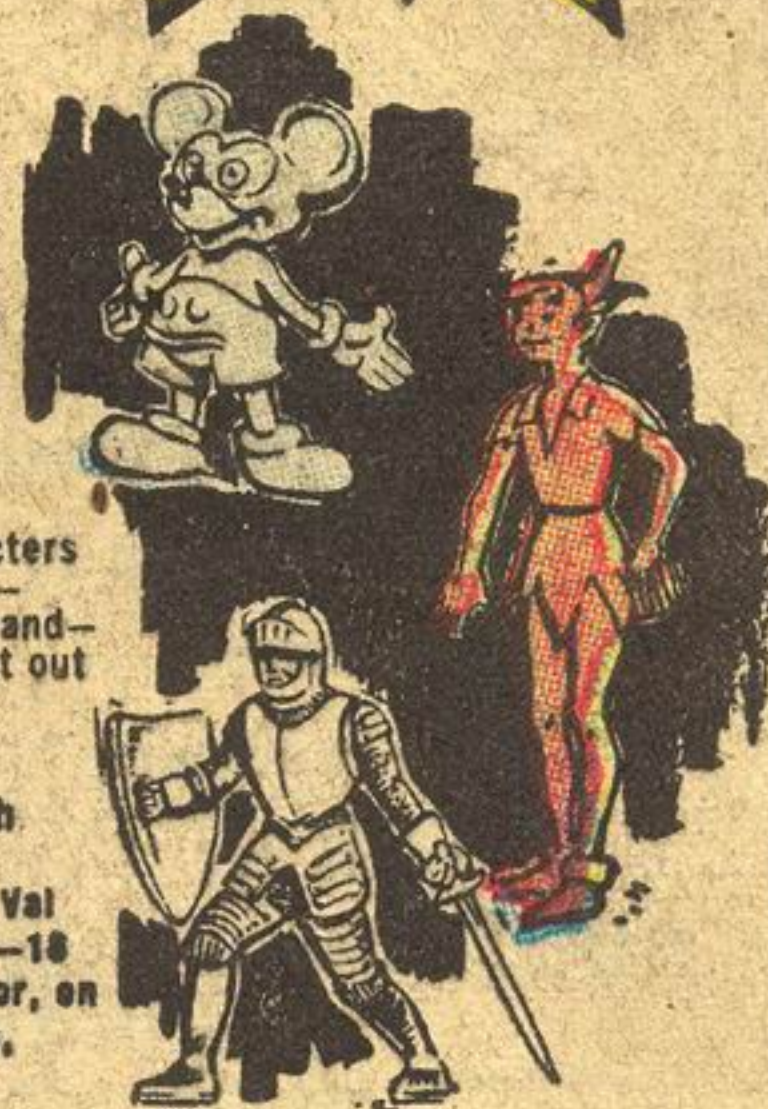
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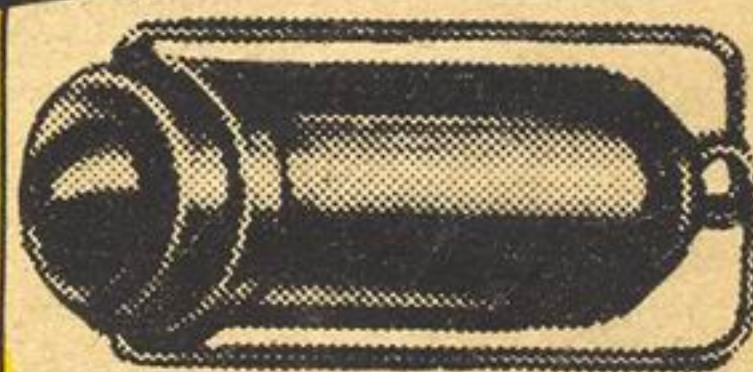
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